

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

**PRESENT:** Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr A Bennett, Mr C Hayes, Mr W J Smith, Mr P Warensjo (arrived at 8.20pm), Mr B Biggs and Mr R Whitfield (arrived 8pm)

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 10 members of Public.

1 Apologies: Mrs D Stalker

2 Declaration of interest:

David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 8.2 as they each rent an allotment. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest in item 8.4.5 as he is the owner of Redlands Farm.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. Joe Smith and Dave Hayward confirmed that they did not vote in favour of Gary Sumner being Chairperson; Clerk duly amended the minutes and the minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record.

4. Update from PC Rory Draper

PC Rory Draper provided Parish Council with an update. He confirmed that he is based in Wroughton, but is able to call on Police Officers based at West Swindon which provides better resources. Rory Draper stated that in the Wanborough area in April there were 4 thefts, mainly garden ornaments, no burglaries and 1 incident of criminal damage to a car. In May there was 1 theft, no burglaries, 2 criminal damages and 1 arrest.

Rory Draper confirmed that they are currently looking into using social media so that they can communicate quicker with the community. Andrew Bennet confirmed that Wiltshire Police have an internet page that is interactive, so that residents can report things to the police.

A resident asked what the police can do in relation to dangerous parking. Rory Draper confirmed that police have very little to do with parking, as parking enforcement ceased back in 2006; the information provided in the Highway Code is advisory only.

Colin Offer asked if the Police could visit the Lower Rec on a Friday or Saturday evening to help prevent anti-social behaviour.

Gary Sumner thanked Rory Draper for attending the meeting.

5. Presentation from David James (SBC) on the expansion of Hooper's Field

David James introduced himself and confirmed that he was involved in the original plans for Hooper's Field when the site was first built. He confirmed that his services will include the planning design of the Hooper's Field expansion. He will look at how the facility can be expanded by using the space at Hooper's Field more efficiently.

Residents raised concerns that what is now being put forward is completely different to that presented by Colin Offer at the Annual Assembly. There needs to be a business plan and long term vision as to what Parish Council would like to see at Hooper's Field.

Colin Offer confirmed that the results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey showed that there is a need for enlarged community facilities within the village.

Parish Council asked what exactly is included within David James's fee. He confirmed that he will carry out all the necessary work to gain planning permission and to a stage when there is enough information to apply for grants

### **Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions**

*Residents from Chapel Lane attended the meeting to raise concerns about the proposed bollards in front of the entrance to the Lower Rec. They felt that there has been a lack of consultation with residents; no consideration has been given to the safety implications of removing the only turning space from a narrow road resulting in vehicles having to reverse out onto the High Street; they are concerned that no highway survey has been carried out, and asked why Parish Council have not considered other options such as an access to the Lower Rec from Avenell Road (on the other side).*

*Gary Sumner replied stating that the entrance to the Lower Rec is a private entrance with a clear sign stating "no parking", however residents still choose to ignore the sign and park in the entrance. This causes huge problems for many user groups who need to gain access to the field. The entrance is the only emergency access to the field and it is important that it is kept clear at all times. It is not Parish Council's responsibility to provide parking for residents, residents have purchased their homes knowing how much parking they have. Parish Council cannot justify the cost of installing a new entrance when they have already have perfectly angood entrance.*

*Representatives from Wanborough Scout group and the Village Hall committee attended the meeting to highlight the number of times that they have had problems with access to the field and how unpleasant some of the residents have been in their response when asked for their cars to be moved. Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council have made their decision to install the bollards and that decision stands.*

*A resident asked if the proposed flood mitigation work proposed on the High Street will also include Burycroft and The Marsh. Gary Sumner confirmed that unfortunately the planned work did not include Burycroft and The Marsh.*

*A resident asked if there was a date set for the next Flood Management meeting. Gary Sumner confirmed that there wasn't but would let her know as soon as a date is set.*

*A resident asked who is responsible for looking at the footpaths. Parish Council confirmed that they have a committee who are responsible for footpaths but ultimately SBC are responsible for the maintenance.*

*A resident noted the Parish Council's comments made with regard to the Sharpes Farm planning application in relation to flooding. She felt that it was a shame that Parish Council had not made the same comments for the Ducksbridge application.*

## 6. Report from Ward Councillor

Andrew Bennett confirmed that Thames Water aim to install the proposed upgraded pipe within a year.

## 7 **PLANNING**

### 7.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/15/0916** – Woodlands, Callas Hill – Change of use from agricultural land to residential garden, erection of detached double garage with study/gym above. Parish Council discussed the application and voted: 5 Councillors objected to the application and 4 Councillors were in favour. Parish Council therefore agreed to object to the application for the following reasons:-

The proposed application is outside the settlement boundary, the application will have an adverse effect on the AONB and Conservation Area.

### 7.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:

**S/15/0592** – Green Gates, Ham Road – Erection of a rear orangery

**S/15/0418** – 64 Church Road – Erection of a two storey side and front extension and single storey rear extension

- 7.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.  
None received

## **8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **8.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation**

8.1.1 Hooper's Field Expansion. A quote has been received from Swindon Borough Council for the planning design at a cost of just under £10k. Parish Council agreed that due to the cost involved two further quotes are needed before a decision is made. Parish Council also agreed that further detail is needed as to what the expansion proposals will include, what evidence there is to support this expansion, how it will be funded (providing details of what grants are available to apply for) and how the facility will be funded once the expansion is complete. *ACTION Colin Offer*

8.1.2 The next Hooper's Field meeting is due to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

8.1.2 Replacement of seats at Lower Recreation Field. Parish Council have not received a response from the article in the Lyden asking if residents would be interested in sponsoring a chair at Lower Rec. Parish Council therefore agreed to gain some quotes for new chairs. This will be added to the agenda for July's meeting. *ACTION Clerk*

### **8.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments**

8.2.1 New bollards at Chapel Lane; e-mails from four residents raising concerns about the bollards on Chapel Lane. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

8.2.2 The next Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments meeting is due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

8.2.3 Allotment competition first round 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 5pm. Bob Biggs agreed to attend in addition to those who agreed to attend at the last meeting.

### **8.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee**

8.3.1 AGM due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June was postponed until the last week in July 2015.

### **8.4 Planning and Finance**

8.4.1 Planning Committee meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 to discuss the Lotmead planning applications; minutes circulated and agreed.

8.4.2 Banks have carried out the Internal Audit and signed the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

8.4.3 Taylor Wimpey have submitted revised plans for Stanley Close. Parish Council reviewed the plans and raised no objection to the new boundary proposals provided the fence is removed. Parish Council are still waiting for details as to what will be included within the remit of the Management Company, and the inspection of the bund and ditch work are still outstanding.

8.4.4 (Joe Smith left the meeting while this item was discussed) Harris Lamb (agents working on behalf of Redlands Farm) have invited Parish Council to view their plans at Hooper's Field on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 3pm to 6pm. Due to a number of Parish Councillors being on holiday and the difficulty in others getting there before 6pm due to work commitments, it was agreed to ask if they would attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

8.4.6 SBC Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June agreed the Adoption of LDOs in Support of a Low Carbon Swindon. SBC split all the sites under three categories, the two sites in Wanborough were put under category 2 as follows:-

Category 2: Whilst there are in principle reasons no why these sites could not be developed as solar farms, there are, or there is the potential to be, constraints at the sites, which could be overcome through further technical work. To address concerns

and to demonstrate how the sites could be brought forward the developer would be encouraged to submit a planning application, along with the relevant technical assessments (for example ecological surveys):

- Horpit (Site 1)
- Inlands Farm, Wanborough (Site 7)
- Wroughton North (Site 28)

Andrew Bennett confirmed that SBC have agreed to change the wording from “encouraged to submit” to “must submit” an application.

## **9. FINANCE**

### **9.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Per-Axel Warensjo that “The Financial Statement be accepted, the payment of accounts be endorsed and the bills for payment be accepted and paid, the petty cash expenditure for June 2015 endorsed and the transfers to cover June 2015 expenditure be approved.”

### **9.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement**

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Per-Axel Warensjo and seconded by Colin Hayes that the statement be accepted.

## **10. OTHER**

### **10.1 Transport**

Merlin Way 7.5tonne weight limit; e-mails sent to Cllr Heenan, Cllr Renard, and SBC but Parish Council have received no further update. After a discussion Parish Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Stephen Taylor in relation to Cllr Heenan’s governance. *ACTION Clerk*

### **10.2 Neighbourhood Plan**

Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that the draft plan is currently being written with the aim to going out for consultation in September. He confirmed that he attended a Liddington Parish Council meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Plans with them as they are considering doing a plan themselves.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

*All other correspondence since the last meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 was available at the meeting.*

*Meeting closed at 22.10*

*Date of next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015*