

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 22nd November 2010** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19:30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer, Mr A Bennett, Mr B Biggs, Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Dr A Phillipson, Mr W J Smith, Mr W Suter, Mr R Whitfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Craven-Jones (Clerk).

1 Apologies: None.

2 Declaration of interest:

Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward and Dr A Phillipson declared a personal interest in agenda items 7.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments, if any discussion were to take place relating to the allotments, as they rent an allotment. Mr W J Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item, 6.1, Planning Application received for Foxbridge Farm.

3 Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th October 2010 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Shaun Egan from Parish Plan attended the meeting in order to give Wanborough Parish Council an update:

Following the meetings held in the summer, Parish Plan have gathered all the information received and are intending to issue a survey to all households in the Parish in January 2011. The survey will consist of 250 questions and they plan to issue paper copies and also detail it on their website. Parish Plan have purchased some software which will help them to produce the survey.

Following this they will then hold two further "Open Events" in order to discuss the findings of the survey and what they intend to achieve. They hope to present their Draft Plan to Wanborough Parish Council close to Easter 2011. They have applied everywhere possible for funding, but have only received one grant from Community First for the amount of £500.00, which is to be paid

directly to Wanborough Parish Council. They are within the budget which was originally agreed with Wanborough Parish Council; costs so far are £500.00, which leaves a sum of £2,800.00 for 2011/2012.

Shaun Egan mentioned that from the information gathered from the meetings in the Summer, 30 – 40% of residents in the Parish have commented on the poor bus service that currently runs in the Village. This is an area Bob Biggs is working on.

4 Councillor Eric Shaw – Wroughton and Chiseldon Ward, and Chairman of the South Cluster Group attended the meeting in order to introduce himself and answer any questions.

Eric lives in Chiseldon and feels very strongly that the local Parishes should come together in order to try and resolve rural issues. He suggested that Wanborough, Chiseldon and Wroughton Parish Council hold a meeting in the Spring, and invite Police Inspector Nicholas John to the meeting in order to discuss policing issues with the Parishes. Eric feels that there should be more Police representation in Chiseldon due to recent incidents and that Chiseldon and Wanborough certainly have different “more rural” needs to those of West Swindon.

It was noted that Wanborough worked very closely with Covingham on the EDA even though they are not in our Cluster and that we therefore may have more in common with them moving forward.

5 Report from Ward Councillor:

It is felt that combining all the rural areas into one cluster may indeed strengthen the smaller villages like Wanborough.

The WALC AGM was recently held, notes of this should be sent to the Clerk shortly. Liddington have issued questionnaires to all residents in respect of their Parish Plan; the closing date for responses to be returned is 17th December 2010.

There are currently a lot of discussions within Swindon Borough Council in relation to the New Homes Bonus Scheme.

6 PLANNING

6.1 To consider Planning Applications Received:

S/COND/10/1607/ROBI – Marsh Farm, The Marsh, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AR – Removal of Condition 15 from previous permission S/10/0761 for the erection of 2 no. dwellings (to replace Plot 4 of planning permission S/07/1651) and construction of new access.

The Parish Council objected to this application and the construction of new access.

The Clerk is to advise SBC of the objection and also the previous objections made earlier in the year.

S/10/1676/JABU – Land adjacent to A419 and The Marsh, Swindon, Wiltshire – Retrospective change of use from grass paddock (Sui Generis) to quad/moto-cross circuit (Sui Generis). Wanborough Parish Council objected to the above proposal and made the following objections:

- The existing use for the site is for agricultural purposes and Wanborough Parish Council would like to see this use continue
- Several residents in the local area have complained about the noise that has been generated through the moto-cross activity; this has caused a great deal of disturbance to many residents during the past 4 months
- Access to the site is difficult, particularly if emergency services need to attend, which is quite likely due to the nature of the activity
- Wanborough Parish Council are also concerned about the contamination of the land caused by the droppings from vehicles and the detrimental effect this will have on the land
- Wanborough Parish Council very much feel that the field should be assessed for any damage, and that it should then go back to its original use

S/10/1589/CLMC – Green Gates, Ham Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HH – Erection of single storey side and floor extensions, with 5 no. dormers to front and 4 no. dormers to rear, and associated works. It would appear from the plans that an extra storey is to be constructed. Wanborough Parish Council are concerned about the height of the extension, as the plans do not detail any perspective in relation to the other dwellings in terms of height. These comments will be submitted to Swindon Borough Council.

S/10/1664//CLMC – Foxbridge Farm, The Marsh, Wanborough, SN4 0AB – Conversion of single storey barn to form self contained accommodation at Foxbridge Farm. Wanborough Parish Council made the following observations in respect of this application.

- There are concerns with regard to flooding as there have been a number of new buildings in the village over recent years, many of which have not come with any new water & drainage provisions. Wanborough Parish Council strongly recommends that this matter is considered prior to any development taking place. Homes very close to this site have come close to flooding and homes in nearby Burycroft have been flooded as a result of run off
- There would need to be improved vehicular access to the dwelling
- Would there be an agricultural restriction/tie on the new dwelling?

6.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:

S/10/1405/ROBI – Hill Farm, King Edwards Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HR – Erection of a two storey side/front extension, detached garage and boundary wall. The Clerk is to confirm if there is an existing agricultural tie on the land and dwelling.

6.3 To notify the Schedule of Conservation Area Consent received:

S/CAC/09/2118/ROBI - Glenville, Rotten Row, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AN – Demolition of extension and garage.

7 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

We are awaiting advice from Martin Mansfield, the Greenkeeper and Turf Specialist at Wanborough Bowls Club, on how to best improve the condition of the cricket outfield.

The Village Lengthsman is going to re-lay the paving slabs within the patio area of the Bowls Club at Hooper's Field.

The Clerk is to ask the Village Lengthsman to rake the drive at Hooper's Field.

Gary Sumner and Colin Offer have asked for a copy of the Ecosolve report, which was given to the Clerk at the last Hooper's Field meeting in September.

Bill Suter has asked if the hedges at Hooper's Field can be cut to 7ft rather than 6ft. Clerk to speak to Ian Woods at SBC about this.

7.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

Wanborough Parish Council approved the tree quote from Ian Walding (Heritage Tree Care), in relation to the additional tree work that needs to be carried out at the Lower Rec. and Church Meadow following a full inspection earlier this year. The cost of the work will be £800.00 and Ian will carry the work out prior to Christmas.

The telephone kiosk in the High Street, outside the Village Hall has recently become listed; this is one of a very small number that have become listed in the area.

It was noted that the hedges at the Beanlands are very overgrown. The Clerk is to speak to Swindon Borough Council and arrange for these to be cut back. Colin Offer raised concerns about the tree on the sledging hill in Rodway and that it still hasn't

been cut back although the matter has been raised with Swindon Borough Council previously. The Clerk will follow this up again.

7.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

Colin Hayes gave the Clerk a copy of the Forecast Capital Programme for the Village Hall. This will be discussed further at the Precept meeting on 6th December 2010.

7.4 Planning and Finance:

Wanborough Parish Council will not be applying for the Old Butcher's Shop on the High Street to become listed.

7.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

Nothing to report.

8 FINANCE

8.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Colin Offer 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 November 2010 be endorsed and the transfers to cover November 2010 expenditure be approved."

8.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Colin Offer that the Statement be accepted.

9. OTHERS

9.1 Transport:

Bob Biggs has prepared an article for the Newsletter and also the January edition of the Lyden in order to obtain feedback regarding bus routes for the Village. The deadline for submitting returns is 25th January 2011.

9.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Recently held their AGM.

9.3 Neighbourhood Tasking Group:

Rory Draper will be attending the Parish Council meeting in January. Agenda item to be re-named as "Neighbourhood Crime".

9.4 Grants:

Nothing to report.

9.5. VAS:

Waiting for confirmation of prices and an installation date, this will hopefully be before Christmas.

9.6 Flooding:

All comments from the Draft Flood Management report are to be submitted to the Clerk and they will then be forwarded to Carl Collins. Carl will be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting early in 2011 to discuss the report in further detail. The intention is to put the final report on the Parish Council website so that it is accessible to everyone; with the key points highlighted. This will also be discussed within the Newsletter, which is due to be issued in January 2011.

9.7 Governance:

Nothing to report.

9.8 Local Boundary Commission:

Gary Sumner met with Bishopstone and Liddington Parish Council in order to prepare a joint response in respect of this. It was agreed to submit our recommendation based on Option 3 – "An enlarged semi-rural ward by joining Ridgeway with Covingham and Nythe". Gary is to prepare a letter for the Local Boundary Commission, which the Clerk will submit prior to the deadline of 17th December 2010.

9.9 Village Flag:

Bill Suter is to look into this further and also discuss with the Parish Plan.

9.10 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

Kate Pearson has resigned due to work commitments; this vacancy is currently being advertised. Gary Sumner also informed the Parish Council that Dr Andrew Phillipson has resigned. Clerk is to inform Swindon Borough Council of Dr Phillipson's resignation.

9.11 Newsletter:

Draft articles by the following would be forwarded to the Clerk by the end of December:

Update from Chairman – Gary Sumner

Allotments – Bob Biggs

Changes re. transport – Bob Biggs

Flooding – Gary Sumner

MUGA proposal – Gary Sumner

Village Hall – Colin Hayes

Hooper's Field – Colin Offer

Parish Plan are also going to include a small article

9.12 Meeting dates for 2011:

These have been issued to all members of the Parish Council.

9.13 Precept meeting:

It was confirmed that the Precept meeting is being held on 6th December 2010.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence received by the Clerk was available at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 22.10.

Date of next meeting is Monday 20th December 2010.