

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 23rd July 2012** at Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner, Mr A Bennett, Mr R Biggs, Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Mr C Offer, Mr B Suter, Mr R Whitfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Nolan (Clerk), Mrs H Craven-Jones

1. Apologies: Mr W J Smith, Mrs S Daltrey

2. Declarations of Interest:

Mr C Hayes and Mr D Hayward declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments.

3a. Gary Sumner introduced Lorna Nolan as the new Clerk to the Parish Council who was accepted into the post by all.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th June 2012 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

a) John Laverick from The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust attended the meeting. He shared with the Council their strategies for the future, with regard to the restoration/renewal of parts of the canal. He explained that Wanborough could potentially benefit from a canal running adjacent to the proposed Eastern development. He gave details how this could act as an excellent buffer between Wanborough and the proposed Eastern Development. Members of the council showed some interest in this and would like to be kept involved in any proposals. John is keen to gain new members at the trust and Lorna Nolan will leave some information leaflets at Wanborough Post Office.

b) Ray Pethick and Howard Waters (Director of Matthewson Waters) attended the meeting. Mr Pethick has drawn up a proposal to build a new cottage in Church Road and is looking for positive or negative feedback from the Council with regard to any application made. He presented his vision of how the cottage should look and is very keen to build something that should fit in with its current surroundings, using high quality and materials in keeping with similar cottages in the village.

The Council highlighted their concerns regarding any development, which included visibility issues and any impact on the neighbouring properties. Howard Waters stressed that this property should not have any negative impact on the neighbouring properties.

It was also discussed whether there would be any adverse effect if any later developments occurred adjacent to the new cottage as the entry and egress would potentially be via the same track. This concern should be investigated by Mr Pethick. Gary Sumner also highlighted that at present number 50 has a very narrow drive and could it be possible if the development went ahead, for them to utilise some of the new plot. Mr Pethick did not see this as being a problem and would be happy to incorporate this into the plans if necessary. It was agreed that Mr Pethick should at this stage have discussions with neighbouring home-owners before submitting his application for consideration.

4. Report from Ward Councillor:

Andrew Bennett confirmed explained that the National Planning Policy Framework is still under review.

5. **PLANNING:**

5.1 To consider applications received

Wanborough Parish Council does not object to any of the following planning applications, providing materials are in keeping:

S/12/0928SASM – Erection of a single storey side extension. 2 South View Cottages, The Marsh, Wanborough, Swindon SN4 0AR.

S/LBC/12/0965ROBI – Erection of conservatory to rear. Yew Tree House, High Street, Wanborough Swindon, SN4 0AE

S/12/0961/ROBI – Erection of a conservatory and balcony to side elevation. Poplars Daycare Nursery, Wanborough Road, Wanborough, SN4 0AA.

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

S/12/0765/ROBI - Removal of existing fence and erection of a 2m High Wall, Hornbeam House, St Katherine's Place, Wanborough, SN4 0AR

S/12/0579/JABU – Change of use of Public House (Class C40 to domestic dwelling (Class C3) with detached garage and log store and erection of two storey side extension – The Black Horse, Hinton Road, Wanborough, SN4 0DQ

S/LBC/12/0644/SASM – Erection of single storey rear extension – Tghe Lynch House, 33 Church Road, Wanborough, SN4 0BZ.

S/12/0657/ROBI – Erection to a porch to rear – 2 College Green, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AZ

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent Refused

S/12/0134/ROBI - Erection of a garage and annexe – Kings Lane Farm, Kite Hill, Wanborough, SN4 0AW

S/12/0690/ROBI - Erection of one dwelling, modification of existing access and associated works – Court Close, Rotten Row, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AN.

6. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES:**

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

Gary Sumner provided the Council with information regarding the new store at Hooper's Field. The Parish Council have acquired what was the 'cricket store' for the storage of files/equipment. The Cricket Club have moved to the old veranda and the windows in this area are to be obscured with a one way visibility film.

The bad weather has unfortunately had an effect on games held at Hooper's Field. In light of this it has been difficult to gain access to the storage container for the Bowls Club. A ramp may be needed, as this area is very boggy.

There has been some bad language in the changing facilities. It was recommended that an advisory notice be put up. Lee Wells will put up relevant signage.

Tennis – It has been requested that the tennis club look into offering some 'Pay and Play' sessions for approximately one hour a week - they are looking into how this might be accommodated whilst making sure the facilities are safe. Fun days and free games will also be offered as an initiative to gain new members. Junior Membership is currently only £33 per year. Gary Sumner has already done an article for the Lyden Magazine.

Football – Junior squad consists of 160 players. They are currently appointing a new Chairman and Secretary.

Security – Gary Sumner asked that a chain with a padlock should be fitted at the main gate. The Council agreed and Lorna Nolan is to speak to Lee to get this actioned.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

Tree Surgery at junction of Oakapple/Badger's Close – there are three ash trees on site, one with broken limbs. A footpath crosses underneath the trees. Ian Walding reduced the two largest trees for the cost of £450. The third tree (next to house No.2 Oakapple Close) has an extreme lean to it. The report stated that this tree is healthy and does not pose a risk and to reduce its size would cost £450 with an ongoing maintenance plan. He did say that it may need more work in the future and that at a cost of £600 it could be removed completely (a letter from the neighbour supports this action). The council agreed to the removal of this tree and Lorna Nolan will contact Ian Walding to remove and in due course something smaller from the stock of Jubilee trees (held by Bob Biggs) will be put in its place to plant in March/April. Andrew Bennett showed an interest in obtaining the logs after the removal of the said tree.

The allotment judging is in its second round. C3 and D1 need warning reminder letters. Termination of E2 and E4 and will need cutting to improve before re-letting.

Lee is arranging for a large metal rubbish container at his own cost to be situated at Hoopers Field. This is to be located at the end of the driveway away from the pavilion. This should be emptied once a month.

There is a large branch hanging over the road on Pack Hill. Val Wright owns the property and Gary Sumner will speak with her with regard to making it safe.

There is an overgrown grass verge obscuring visibility on the junction of Burycroft and Wanborough Road. Swindon Borough Council, Street Smart to be made aware by Lorna Nolan.

There is flooding at the ditch on the verge at the allotments. This is to be added to the village maintenance list for Swindon Borough Council.

The grass in the lower rec is to be cut twice this week.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Nothing to report.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

Bob Biggs showed the Council an Aqua Sac. These fit under a door and would self inflate in order to prevent flooding. All keen to acquire a number of these sacs. Bob Biggs to speak with the company to show an expression of interest and also to see if a bulk amount were ordered could the price be reduced. It could be that residents would pay for their own Aqua sac or that a number be held by the Council. Bob to investigate further if we agree to go ahead.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr C Hayes and seconded by Mr B Suter 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 2012 be endorsed and the transfers to cover June 2012 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr B Suter and seconded by Mr C Offer that the Statement be accepted.

8. **OTHERS**

8.1 Transport:

Bob Biggs explained that the Localities Group within the Swindon Borough Council are to look at alternative bus routes within the ward. These routes would take in Wroughton, Chiseldon and the Ridgeway villages at end at Sainsbury's.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

No update.

8.3 Corporate Governance Review:

Bob Biggs and Andrew Bennett attended the Stakeholders meeting. We need to be acting efficiently and effectively. Andrew Bennett will advise Gary Sumner of any updates.

8.4 Grants:

No requests.

8.5 Flooding:

Meeting held 5th July with Thames Waters. The next flood meeting will be in October and will involve Swindon Borough Council and the Environment agency as well as Thames Water.

Gary Sumner reported that Thames Water do not have a budget to deal with 'once in a 100 year' flooding events, although they do have funding applications for 'once in 30 year events'. In Wanborough there have been no reports by residents of internal flooding to Thames Water which means that they cannot bid for funds to alleviate. They stressed that resident's reports remain confidential in case residents think that reporting flooding may impair their ability to sell their home in the future. Thames Water have agreed to carry out a camera survey of the drains along the Beanlands/Three Sister's Road and Avenell Road. They have also agreed to supply us with information leaflets to give to the residents, and a statement for the Lyden Magazine.

Minutes from previous flood meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.

8.6 Eastern Villages Working Party:

Meeting was cancelled for Wednesday 18th July 2012. There is a possibility it could be rescheduled for 1 August 2012.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

ITEM 2 – letter received from Ms C Cottle in regard to the removal of a tree at Oakapple Close.

The meeting closed at 22.00.

***Date of next meeting is Monday 3rd September 2012, 7.30pm
at Wanborough Village Hall.***