

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23rd June 2014** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr C Hayes, Mr R Whitfield, Mrs D Stalker, Mr B Biggs, Mr A Bennett, Mr P Warensjo

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 1 member of Public

- 1 Apologies: *Mr W J Smith*
- 2 Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they own an allotment
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th May 2014 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident in The Marsh confirmed that he had recently received a letter from SBC in relation to replacing a footbridge on a footpath in The Marsh. In the letter it states that they plan to carry out this work in October 2014, however the resident is concerned that the area will be too wet for them to do it in October. Clerk to follow up with SBC suggesting that the work is done at a more suitable time.

4. Report from Ward Councillor
Andrew Bennett confirmed that since the elections there have been a few changes in Swindon Borough Council's cabinet members. Cllr Brian Ford is now in charge of Street Smart, and Cllr Dale Heenan is now also responsible for Transport. Andrew Bennett confirmed that he has now been officially appointed as Deputy Mayor; Parish Council congratulated him on his new appointment. Andrew Bennett confirmed that broadband is being discussed at the next cabinet meeting on Wednesday 25th June and confirmed that all rural areas are being considered.
- 5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:
S/EIA/14/0966 – EIA Scoping report for proposed development at land south of A420 and east and west of A419. Initial comments made by the Council are as follows:-
 - A wider transport survey needs to be carried out to include all areas of the Eastern Villages within SBC draft Local Plan, not just the area within this application. This is to ensure that the cumulative impact of all developments is taken into consideration.
 - The transport survey should also assess the impact on roads within neighbouring villages, such as Pack Hill, The Marsh and Burycroft;
 - Footpath and cycle paths need to be assessed to ensure there is adequate provision within the area.
 - Lyden Brook needs to be assessed as part of the flood survey as this is a main water course within the Foxbridge site.
 - Within the wildlife survey they need to include deer and otters.

It was agreed that Clerk would circulate a draft letter to SBC so that any additional items can be added by Councillors.

- 5.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:
S/LBC/14/0729 – The Cottage, Staceys Lane – Various external and internal alterations to kitchen and internal alterations to bathroom
S/ADV/14/0579 – Land south of Stanley Close – Display of information board
- 5.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.
 None

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1 Bowls summerhouse is due to be delivered on 26th June. The Bowls Club are holding an event in memory of Bill Suter on Sunday 31st August 2014 and they have asked if representatives from Parish Council would like to attend. *ACTION Councillors to confirm attendance to Clerk*
- 6.1.2 Next Hooper's Field meeting is due to be held on Monday 14th July 2014.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Allotment competition 1st round on Thursday 3rd July 2014 at 5pm. Mr Bolton has asked if Parish Council will donate some money to the Swindon Hydrotherapy Pool instead of giving him a voucher. Parish Council unanimously agreed to donate £25.
- 6.2.2 Parish Council discussed the condition of some of the allotments and it was agreed that Bob Biggs would offer the plots to people on the waiting list on the basis that if they can clear the plot they will be given it free of charge for a year. If they do not want it on that basis then the next person on the list to be offered it instead. *ACTION Bob Biggs*

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.3.1 The Village Hall AGM is due to be held on Tuesday 1st July 2014. Parish Council agreed that, as there has been a delay in purchasing the Village Hall, it was agreed that the committee should continue in the same format as before until the Parish Council are in a position to purchase the hall.
- 6.3.2 Gary Sumner confirmed that no further progress been made with regard to purchasing the Village Hall. He is still trying to arrange a meeting with the Vicar and the Bristol Diocese. He confirmed that he had discussed the delay with the owners of the Post Office who are obviously disappointed, and the Village Hall has now re-opened bookings for the hall.

6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 SBC's Local Plan 2026 Examination in Public has now finished. Wanborough Parish Council's final letter to the Inspector has been circulated to all Councillors.
- 6.4.2 The planning agents for the Lotmead development would like to meet with Parish Council to discuss their pre-application proposals before they are submitted to Swindon Borough Council. Parish Council agreed to ask them to attend the start of the next Parish Council meeting. *ACTION Clerk to arrange*
- 6.4.3 Stanley Close development: An agreement has been made for temporary removal of the planning condition for delivery times during the school holidays. However complaints have been recently received from neighbouring residents stating that Taylor Wimpey have not been keeping to this condition. Swindon Borough Council has been contacted about this matter so hopefully this will now be rectified.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Offer and seconded by Colin Hayes 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 2014 endorsed and the transfers to cover June 2014 expenditure be approved."

7.2 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.

8. OTHER

8.1 Transport

8.1 The Merlin Way weight restriction temporary six month order has now expired; letter of objection has been sent to Swindon Borough Council. *ACTION Clerk to contact Swindon Borough Council and Cllr Heenan to ask how long it will be until this is now reviewed.*

8.2 The "No through road except for access" sign at Covingham has been removed and not replaced *ACTION clerk to contact SBC to ask for it to be replaced*

8.2 The issue of parking in front of the entrance gate to Lower Rec: Clerk has put polite letters on the cars that have been parking there but this does not seem to work. The main concern is safety, as this is the only entrance onto the field for an ambulance. *ACTION Clerk to contact SBC to gain permission to move the gate so that there is no room for cars to park in front of it.*

8.2 Grants

Letter of thanks from St Andrews Church and Ridgeway Link for their grants.

8.3 Flooding

8.3.1 Next flood management meeting is due to be held on Thursday 10th July at Hooper's Field starting at 10am. Clerk confirmed that Thames Water, Environment Agency and Swindon Borough Council have all confirmed attendance.

8.3.2 Simon Lynn (SBC) has confirmed that the Flood mitigation work has now been delayed; they will now be presenting their case to the Environment Agency at the end of July 2014 and hope to gain funding to carry out the work in summer 2015. Andrew Bennett stated that they are not actually sure whether the funding is still available. Parish Council raised the issue about the re-surfacing of Wanborough Road as this was put on hold until after the flood mitigation work. Parish Council agreed that the resurfacing work cannot be delayed for another year. *ACTION Clerk to contact SBC and Cllr Heenan*

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan

8.4.1 Per-Axel Warensjo updated Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan; the sub-committee is made up of Parish Councillors and also residents. The committee are currently planning the "Open Meeting" on Monday 7th July and have had a couple of sub-committee meetings to plan this. The "Open Meeting" on the 7th July will have a small presentation at the start of the meeting (7.30pm) explaining the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan. There will then be a number of display tables for residents to look at and ask some questions. Per-Axel Warensjo felt that it would be good to see as many Councillors attend this meeting as possible. He confirmed that a web site has now been set up for the Neighbourhood Plan; this just needs to be linked to the Parish website.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 All correspondence listed on Clerk's notes was available at the meeting.
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter – *ACTION Clerk to contact PC Rory Draper to chase him for the Neighbourhood co-ordinator contact details as previously promised.*

Meeting closed at 21.25

Date of next meeting Monday 28th July 2014