

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23rd November 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 P Warensjo, Mr B Biggs, Mr R Whitfield, Mr W J Smith, Mrs D Stalker Mr M Simpson

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 17 members of Public.

1 Apologies: none

2 Declaration of interest:

David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 8.2 as they each rent an allotment. Roger Whitfield and David Hayward declared a personal interest as they are members of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest on item 8.4.2 as he owns land within the NEV.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th October 2015 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record.

4. Presentation from Steven Sanders SBC

Steven Sanders from SBC attended the meeting to provide residents with details on the planned flood mitigation work that are due to start at the beginning of December 2015.

He confirmed that all residents received a letter informing them on the proposed work. Residents in The Marsh & Burycroft confirmed that they had not received a letter.

At the moment the proposed timetable for works is as follows:-

- Works completion due by late February 2016
- Works to install compound at Hoopers Field to begin Friday 27th November
- Works on Kite Hill from early December to mid January 2016
 - Rotten Row to The Beanlands
 - The Beanlands to Church Road (potential to be Feb school ½ term to avoid school bus service disruption)
- Works on Rotten Row from mid January 2016 to early February
 - Kite Hill to Hoopers Field
 - Hoopers Field to High Street
- Works on High Street from late January to late February

Steven Sanders confirmed that he has made arrangements to ensure that all school buses will be able to gain access along the roads during road closures. He also confirmed that public transport will run up to the 8.09am bus in the morning and after 5pm, however after 8.09am and before 5pm residents will have to catch the bus at Ham Road/Calley Arms. A concern was raised about older residents using public transport, especially as they can only gain their discount from 9.30am.

Steven Sanders confirmed that there will not be any disruption for utilities, rubbish collection, and deliveries, these will all be able to run as normal

Steven Sanders confirmed that where excavation work is carried out in front of a resident's driveway they will put plates across so that residents can still have access to their driveways.

A resident asked if the work being done will make flood problems worse along Burycroft & The Marsh. Steven Sanders confirmed that it shouldn't, and confirmed that he is working with Richard Bennett (SBC) who is currently looking into proposals along Green Lane and Burycroft which should improve flooding in this area.

A resident raised concern about the traffic around the school and the one-way system they have set up during drop off and collection time. Steven Sanders agreed to take his contact details so that the school can be kept up to date with proposed road closures.

A resident asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the improved ditches and drains once the work is complete, Steven Sanders confirmed that it would be SBC drainage and highways.

Steven Sanders confirmed that he would keep Parish Council up to date during the process of the works who can put details onto the Parish website, he also confirmed that he would try to update residents in the Lyden magazine.

5. Presentation from Wilts & Berks Canal Trust

Chris Coyle (Director and Company Secretary of the Trust) provided details on the proposed Wilts & Berks Canal through the NEV, he confirmed that the canal is a protected route within the Local Plan, but they still have a number of challenges to face and would appreciate the support of the Parish Council and the community.

They provided plans showing a possible route through the NEV but the precise line is not set in stone. They confirmed that they still need to consult with the landowners, plus they are having problems discussing the proposed route with the developers within the NEV.

They are proposing 9 locks along the canal between the A420 to the A419.

They have a number of design and studies that will need to be carried out these include Environment Impact, Utilities & Services, and Water Recourses.

A question raised by a resident asked if the canal will bring further housing development along The Marsh, as he states in order to gain funding for the project the canal needs to go through or linked to housing developments. Chris Coyle confirmed that no that would not be the case, Canals bring a number of benefits including walks and cycling routes through the countryside.

A question raised by a resident as to whether the canal would affect the water flow within The Marsh. Chris Coyle confirmed that this will be assessed as part of their studies, which will include the Lyden Brook.

Gary Sumner thanked the Canal Trust for attending the meeting, he confirmed that Parish Council are very much in support of the proposed plans and look forward to hearing about the progress of the project.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident asked if Parish Council had heard anything further from SBC in relation to the proposed route of the Southern Connector Road. Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council have not heard anything, but would let her know as soon as they do.

A resident confirmed that letters had been sent to all residents in The Marsh asking for permission for surveys to be carried out on their land over the next four months..

6. Report from Ward Councillor

Andrew Bennett confirmed that West Berkshire are consulting on bus 90, and it would be a good idea for Parish Council to send positive comments.

Andrew Bennett confirmed that he hadn't received an update on the proposed footpath from Redlands to the Village, Clerk to contact Helen Haines (SBC) for an update.

7 PLANNING

7.1 To consider Planning Applications received:
No applications to consider

7.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:
S/15/1532 – 2 Ambrose Cottages, High Street – Erection of a single storey rear extension
S/15/1483 – Gamla Van, 23 Ham Road – Erection of a single storey and two storey rear extension with swimming pool and single storey front extension.
S/15/1588 – Breach House – Erection of an open fronted storage barn

7.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.
None

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

8.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 8.1.1 Lower Recreation Field Play Area, Parish Council unanimously agreed to gain a quote from Wickstead to include option 1, plus a new basket swing.
- 8.1.2 The driveway at Hooper's Field is in a very bad state, large potholes, Lee is unable to repair without additional help and hiring a small digger. Parish Council agreed to ask SBC's contractor who is on site for the flood mitigation work for a quote to repair the driveway.
- 8.1.3 Community Payback have confirmed that they now charge for work they undertake so if Parish Council want them to carry out any work at Hooper's Field they will first arrange for a quote to be sent.

8.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 8.2.1 Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning. SBC have sent an analysis of costs for the services that they would like to transfer to Parish Council, these have been circulated to the finance committee who will look at these in more details at the finance committee meeting.
- 8.2.2 Committee meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015. Bob Biggs confirmed that he would circulate the minutes in due course. The allotment committee would like to put a concrete base under where the manure goes, Clerk to ask Lee for a quote.
- 8.2.3 Blocked drains on Kite Hill have been reported to SBC, Clerk also reported leaves on the pavement on Kite Hill but SBC confirmed that they no longer clear leaves from footpaths

8.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

Mark Simpson confirmed that the next meeting is on 7th December 2015

8.4 Planning and Finance

- 8.4.1 SBC Parish boundary review. Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Stephen Taylor (SBC) who confirmed that they have no plans to change Wanborough Parish boundary at the moment but suggested that Parish Council speak with Liddington Parish Council to confirm whether they would like to make any changes. Gary Sumner also confirmed that we are unable to do anything with regards to the Eastern Villages until after these areas are built.
- 8.4.2 NEV meeting held on 17th November 2015. Gary Sumner confirmed that due to staff illness SBC were only able to send one representative to this meeting. Richard Bell (SBC Head of Planning) has confirmed that another meeting will be organised in the next couple of weeks.

- 8.4.3 SBC Draft SuDS Vision for New Eastern Villages. Gary Sumner felt that the document is very detailed and covers all areas within the NEV, he felt that the only comment that Parish Council should make is that provisions need to be made for the future maintenance of SuDs once implemented as SuDs are only effective if properly maintained and this should not be left to Parish Council.
- 8.4.4 Finance meeting to discuss Precept & Budget due to be held on Monday 7th December 2015 at Hooper's Field starting at 7pm.
- 8.4.5 SBC have reduced the Mobile Library Service temporarily due to staff shortages, new timetable has been put on website.
- 8.4.6 The defibrillator on the Village Hall is currently out of action, Clerk has reported the error and Community Heartbeat have taken it off the ambulance database until the problem can be resolved.
- 8.4.7 Stanley Close development. Currently 9 dwelling are occupied, more are due to move in on 27th Nov. A fence has been erected over the top of where Taylor Wimpey are supposed to re-instate the ditch, Clerk has reported this to SBC but no reply yet received.
- 8.4.8 Hilda Suter has confirmed she is happy for the Duckbridge development to be named after Bill, she confirmed she would prefer "Suter Way" Clerk has informed SBC but no reply received yet.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Financial Statement

The monthly 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 2015 endorsed and the transfers to cover November 2015 expenditure be approved."

9.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

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

10. OTHER

10.1 Transport

- 10.1.1 SBC have sent details of the proposed upgrade to Greenbridge roundabout, presentation held on 30th October
- 10.1.2 Swindon Cycling Framework, Colin Hayes raised some concerns stating that the report hardly mentions anything about the surrounding villages and how they link to the National and Regional cycle routes, comments to be sent to SBC.

10.2 Grants

No applications for a grant received

10.3 Flooding

- 10.3.1 Flood mitigation work in the village is due to start beginning of December lasting for 14 weeks, this has been covered earlier in the meeting.

10.4 Neighbourhood Plan

- 10.4.1 Per-Axel confirmed that the has now been edited and has been sent back to SBC for a final review, once this has been done the Neighbourhood Plan will be ready for printing.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 26th October 2015 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Date of next meeting Monday 14th December 2015