

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23rd September 2013** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman) Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr B Biggs, Mr P Warensjo, Mrs D Stalker, Mr Andrew Bennett (arrived late 8.15pm), Mr W Suter, Mr C Hayes

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 4 members of Public

1. Apologies: Mr W J Smith and Mr R Whitfield.
2. Declaration of interest: Mr David Hayward and Mr Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 7.2 as they both own an allotment.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd September 2013 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. Defibrillator presentation .
A representative from Community Heartbeat attended the meeting to explain how the village would benefit from installing a defibrillator. Key points from the presentation:-
 - Defibrillator will be installed in an external cabinet that can be fixed to any external wall in the village. There is a code to open the cabinet and get to the defibrillator. The ambulance service will know the code, so when someone rings for an ambulance they will be able to tell them the code and where the defibrillator is located.
 - Defibrillators can be used by any member of the public, no training is required.
 - Having a defibrillator will increase the chances of survival by 70%.
 - The cost of a defibrillator is £2,000, which includes the cabinet and installation.
 - The only ongoing cost is the battery, which needs replacing every four years at a cost of £175.

After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council would purchase three defibrillators, to be located at Hooper's Field, Village Hall and Upper Wanborough.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident raised a question from the Parish Council's minutes of July's meeting where it states that Parish Council are looking into the possibility of incorporating a Post Office within the Village Hall. Mr Gary Sumner explained the options that Parish Council have been considering for a new Post Office stating that it is important to retain a Post Office within the village. He confirmed that Rob Spurr (Oaktree) is currently drawing up some plans to see if it is possible to incorporate a Post Office within the Village Hall, located where the tables and chairs are currently stored; the aim would be to put an extension on the back of the Village Hall to compensate for the loss of this area. Parish Council agreed that once some plans

are available Parish Council will then be in a position to show them to the Village Hall committee.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for all the work they did to campaign against Swindon Borough Council's proposal to stop Thamesdown bus 47. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that there was a good turn out from both Bishopstone and Wanborough at the cabinet meeting and, although at this meeting Swindon Borough Council promised to carry out a consultation with the residents, it appears that they are not going to be doing this.

A resident asked for the contact details for the Environment Agency; Clerk to send details.

A resident stated that she had written to Swindon Borough Council about the proposed closure of Merlin Way for heavy good vehicles, and they have replied stating that traffic will be directed down Oxford Road and Covingham Drive, so that Kingfisher Drive will not be affected. Gary Sumner confirmed that his understanding was that if any heavy goods vehicles wanted to get down Wanborough Road, to avoid the Merlin Way restriction they would need to go down Covingham Drive and back up Kingfisher Drive.

A resident discussed the "Anti Flood Group" with Parish Council and confirmed the main point of the group; Mr Gary Sumner explained the benefits of keeping Parish Council up to date with their discussions, stating that Parish Council are in a better position to negotiate with the main authorities. Mr Dave Hayward stated that the article in the Lyden has only confused residents. The resident agreed that anything discussed at the Anti Flood Group would be communicated to Parish Council; they would also like to attend Parish Council's flood meeting.

5. Report from Ward Councillor

Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that the Licence for Thamesdown Bus 47 has already been withdrawn, so there is actually nothing that can be done to save this bus. All that can now be done is to negotiate with Swindon Borough Council to find another service to replace the Thamesdown bus 47 that would be suitable in meeting the village's needs.

Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that Swindon Borough Council have arranged a meeting on Friday 27th September with Gary Sumner, Simon Jenkins (Chairman of Bishopstone Parish Council) and himself. Hopefully more information will be provided at this meeting.

6.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/13/1331 – 1 Plain Farm Cottages, Foxhill – Erection of a detached garage for disability vehicles. Parish Council raised no objection to these plans

S/13/1297HMC – 3 The Hedges – Erection of a two storey/single storey rear extension. Parish Council raised no objection to these plans

S/13/1307HECO – 1 Manor Orchard – Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and pitched roof to existing bay windows (revision to previous permission S/11/0381). Parish Council raised no objection to these plans

S/13/0815RM – PGL Liddington – Revised plans – Erection of two storey guest accommodation, single storey staff accommodation, single storey activity barn, installation of activity structures, formation of activity lake and extension of existing activity lake together with internal access road and car parking. Swindon Borough Council were unable to provide a copy of these plans.

- 6.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received S/13/1006HECO – 22 Church Road – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey side extension.
- 6.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.
None

7 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 7.1.1 Play Area at Church Meadow. Clerk will hopefully have an idea as to which play area the children at Wanborough Primary School prefer by the next meeting. It was agreed to use some of the S106 money from the Contact House development to fund this project. Mr Gary Sumner also confirmed that there is still some S106 money to be claimed from the housing development at The Marsh.
- 7.1.2 Hooper's Field meeting held on Monday 16th September. Mr Colin Offer confirmed that the meeting went very well. Next year's open day has been booked for Sunday 18th May 2014.

7.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 7.2.1 Allotments annual meeting held on Monday 16th September. Mr Bob Biggs confirmed that there were not many allotment holders who attended the meeting, however it was agreed that they would like to continue the inspections. A few allotment holders are having problems with rats coming from the Thames Water site, but it was agreed that allotments will attract rats and there isn't much that can be done.
- 7.2.2 Thames Water have agreed to come and look at putting in a new outside tap at St Andrew's Church; they will send a quote to Parish Council. After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council would consider paying for this, subject to how much the quote is for. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 7.2.3 Swindon Borough Council are due to carry out road resurfacing work on Wanborough Road and High Street start from 3rd October. Details have been put on Parish web site. Clerk to check with Swindon Borough Council as to whether Thamesdown Transport have been notified of these road closures.

7.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 7.3.1 The next Village Hall meeting will be held on Monday 30th September 2013. Rachel Chevis (Village Hall Chairperson) stated that they had noticed that the pointing on the Village Hall brick work needs repairing in places. It was suggested at the moment just to gain a quote but not to do any substantial building repairs unless urgent, as Parish Council may need to look into getting the hall valued.

7.4 Planning and Finance

- 7.4.1 Swindon Borough Council Local Plan, Draft Eastern Villages SPD. Tim Comyn (Planning Barrister) produced a reply on behalf of Parish Council; this was circulated to all councillors and sent to SBC on 16th September. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that he had been in contact with Ian Kemp (EiP

Programme Officer) who has confirmed that he has serious concerns about the Local Plan and the lack of evidence on the database.

- 7.4.2 Letter received from SBC in relation to the Swindon Strategic Housing Land Availability (SHLAA) 2013. They are currently updating their survey and ask for Parish Council's comments by Thursday 24th October 2013. It was agreed that Clerk would gain an electronic copy of the letter and then circulate to all Councillors for comment.
- 7.4.3 Grant Thornton have now completed and signed off the external audit for the financial year ended 31st March 2013. They were no problems to report.
- 7.4.4 Dave Roberts has provided plans for the storage crate at Lower Rec. It was agreed that the cost of this would be claimed from the Contact House S106 money.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Hayes and seconded by Mr Bill 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 September 2013 endorsed and the transfers to cover September 2013 expenditure be approved."

8.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

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

9. OTHER

9.1 Transport

- 9.1.1 SBC's Bus Transport Strategy – proposal to axe Thamesdown bus 47, this was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9.2 Grants

- 9.2.1 No requests received.
- 9.2.2 E-mail from Wanborough JFC thanking Parish Council for the grant towards the cost of a new U7's football kit

9.3 Flooding

- 9.3.1 The next flood management meeting will be held on Thursday 26th September 2013 at 10am at Hooper's Field.

9.4 SBC's Local Plan 2026 – EiP

- 9.4.1 Nothing further to report

9.5 Neighbourhood Plan

- 9.5.1 It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 21st October 2013 at Hooper's Field at 7.30pm. Clerk to invite Liddington Parish Councillors.

9.6 Wanborough Post Office

- 9.6.1 Mr Gary Sumner and Clerk met with Adam Williams from the Post Office to discuss whether it would be possible to transfer the Post Office to another location. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that Adam Williams was very happy with the proposal for the Post Office to be incorporated in the Village Hall; he provided details of the Post Office requirements i.e. size of the counter, safe etc which have been forwarded to Rob Spurr to include in his plans. Mr Gary Sumner also explained the income side of the Post Office.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 All correspondence listed on Clerk's notes was available at the meeting. Mr Gary Sumner also confirmed that the Parish Council facebook page is working very well and had been a good way to communicate information to the village.

Meeting closed at 21.55

Date of next meeting Monday 28th October 2013