

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **24th November 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, Mr B Biggs, Mr A Bennett, Mr W J Smith, Mr P Warensjo, Mrs D Stalker, Mr D Kevern.

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 7 members of Public.

- 1 Apologies: None
- 2 Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they each rent an allotment. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest on item 6.4.1 as he owns land within the Eastern Villages.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th October 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 raised a question in relation to the planning application at Ducksbridge that has recently been decided at SBC Planning Committee meeting. She felt extremely disappointed that Andrew Bennett allowed the application to be decided at Planning Committee which resulted in overturning the Planning Officer's recommendation to "refuse". She stated that there is a reason why the Planning Officer recommended for the application to be refused and that is because the application did not meet all planning policies, however Andrew Bennett took it upon himself to go against the Planning Officer's recommendation even though they are the one who is qualified in this area. She also felt extremely disappointed at the planning meeting that Andrew Bennett spent a considerable amount of time speaking to the applicant and then spoke on their behalf to support the application, but did not take any time to speak to residents who he should be representing. She asked if Andrew Bennett (Borough Councillor) attended the meeting on behalf of Parish Council or whether he acted alone.

Andrew Bennett replied to the question stating that he was aware that Parish Council raised no objection to the application, and along with other Borough Councillors there have been a number of applications that are outside the settlement boundary that have been brought to Planning Committee for the same reason.

Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council were broadly in favour of the application subject to some conditions. He stated that if the application was agreed on appeal then all the proposed flood mitigation works that they have agreed to as part of the application will not happen. The site is classed as a brownfield site and therefore would be difficult to stop the application.

The resident stated that after the St Katherine's application, which demonstrated how easy it was for them to change the application so all the flood mitigation work did not actually happen, how does Parish Council know this will not happen again. Gary Sumner confirmed that he has recently spoken to the applicant who confirmed that the work on Green Lane and the culvert under the highway will be carried out before the start of the development.

4. Report from Ward Councillor
Andrew Bennett reported that he has asked SBC to look at the High Street as he has received a number of e-mails in relation to the condition of the road.

He confirmed that he has checked SBC's website and there are about 30 properties on the database that show an address of Liddington even though they are actually in Wanborough. He confirmed that he would arrange for this to be changed.

SBC have recently sent out a notice calling for land that would be suitable for solar farms.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/14/1845 – Wymering, 7 Southdown – Erection of 6no dormer windows detached double garage with accommodation over and relocated vehicular access. Parish Council considered this application and provided material used are in keeping with the house then Parish Council raised no objection

S/14/1817 – Fulwood, Ham Road – Installation of solar panels to stable roof and side of stables and secret garden. Parish Council raised no objection to this application.

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

S/14/1573 – Autumn View, Kite Hill – Extension to integral garage;

S/14/1408 – Glenville, Rotten Row – Erection of single storey front, side and rear extension and construction of new vehicular access.

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.

None

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

6.1.1 Hooper's Field subcommittee meeting held on Monday 10th November 2014. Colin Offer reported that all the clubs are doing well. He confirmed that Andy Clinning has been recognised for all his hard work in cricket and had a day out at Lords. This, along with Dawn Hopkins being recognised for Tennis, shows that all the clubs are thriving. Colin Offer circulated some plans that have been drawn up by the Bowls Club for expansion of Hooper's Field. He confirmed that these plans are for information at this stage and asked that everyone looked at them ready for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting. *ACTION Clerk to add Hooper's Field expansion plans as an agenda item for next meeting, Colin Offer to circulate a soft copy of the plans to all councillors.*

6.1.2 Lee Wells, village lengthsmen, has reported that there is considerably more damage at the Play Area at Lower Rec. He said that the type of damage occurring can only have been done by older children. Clerk is currently trying to gain some spare parts for the multi-play unit from Kompan. If this is not possible the play unit will be classed as unsafe. It was agreed to put an article in next month's Lyden and to report to PC Rory Draper.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

6.2.1 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments subcommittee meeting held 20th October 2014. Bob Biggs apologised for taking so long to circulate the minutes. The committee would like to join the National Allotment Society at a cost of £55; this was confirmed as the cost would be covered by their budget. Bob Biggs confirmed that he is meeting with the next person on the allotment waiting list to discuss handover of a plot. Bob Biggs confirmed that there are a number of items on the minutes that he still needs to follow up. *ACTION Bob Biggs*

Clerk confirmed that she has booked the meetings apart from the date in May 2015 as this clashes with Parish Council's Annual Assembly.

6.2.2 A resident reported the removal of large trees along the front of The Woodlands, Callas Hill. This house is within the Conservation Area and should have gained

permission for removal of the trees first. Clerk reported to SBC, who have been out to inspect and spoken to the owner, and have confirmed that if the resident had made the appropriate application to remove these trees SBC would probably have given approval. They therefore suggest sending a warning letter to the resident of The Woodlands stating that they should replace the trees with a hedge more in keeping with the surroundings. *ACTION Clerk to request a copy of this letter to the resident.*

6.2.3 Dave Hayward has received a hedge pack for Lower Rec storage shed.

6.2.4 Joe Smith stated that the bin on the bus shelter opposite the Brewer's Arms is overflowing. *ACTION Clerk to ask SBC to empty bin.*

Bob Biggs confirmed that the branch of tree that is hanging dangerously on Church Road is still there. Clerk advised that she was unable to locate it; Bob Biggs confirmed that it was at the top of Stacey's Lane by the telegraph pole. It was agreed that if the Clerk was unable to locate it, Bob Biggs would provide Clerk with a photograph.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

6.3.1 Village Hall meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2014. Colin Hayes confirmed that he has been going through the financial data for last year and hopes to get the accounts to 31st March 2014 independently examined over the next few weeks. The craft fayre is due to be held on Saturday 29th November. The next Village Hall meeting is on 12th January 2015.

6.4 Planning and Finance

6.4.1 *(Joe Smith left the meeting while this item was discussed)* Gary Sumner, Bob Biggs and Andrew Bennett attended the NEV Ridgeway Liaison Group Meeting held on 17th November 2014 at SBC. Action points from the meeting were circulated to all councillors. Gary Sumner confirmed the main points from the meeting: SBC are due to provide Parish Council with the outcome of the road surveys that have been carried out before Christmas, SBC have money secured for a business case to gain funding for the Southern Connector road, SBC confirmed that there is a "Scoping" application from Redlands in the pipeline and Parish Council are likely to receive this prior to Christmas. Gary Sumner confirmed that the next meeting will be scheduled as and when SBC have further information to provide to Parish Council.

6.4.2 Precept meeting, to discuss Parish Council's budget for 2015/16 is due to be held on Monday 15th December 7.30pm at Hooper's Field.

6.4.3 Wanborough Parish Council's comments on SBC's Local Plan (revised modification) have been submitted to SBC and circulated.

6.4.4 Gary Sumner and Per-Axel Warensjo attended a broadband meeting with Robert Buckland MP on Friday 7th November 2014. They confirmed that it is unlikely that anything will materialise in this area to improve broadband in the near future.

6.4.5 Review of Parish Council's Standing Orders; meeting booked for Monday 1st December 2014 at Hooper's Field.

7. **FINANCE**

7.1 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 2014 endorsed and the transfers to cover November 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

- 8.1.1 Clerk has received a reply to her letter dated 9th June from Leanne Homewood (Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator). She has confirmed that all training now takes place in Devizes; if Parish Council wish to proceed they need a team of at least 3 volunteers (one resident has already done the training) and a metro count needs to be carried out (SBC organise this). Parish Council agreed to advertise in the Lyden to see if anyone is interested. *ACTION Clerk.*

8.2 Grants

No applications received.

8.3 Flooding

- 8.3.1 Blocked drains, gulleys and ditches along Kite Hill and bottom of Pack Hill have been causing problems. Clerk has reported SBC.

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire has now been distributed to all residents, deadline for completion is 15th December. Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that to date there have been 109 responses. The next committee meeting is due to be held on 3rd December, the aim of this meeting is to define how the consultation with landowners will take place.

8.5 Purchase of Wanborough Village Hall

- 8.5.1 Clerk has received valuation of Village Hall from Carter Jonas; circulated to all councillors. After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council need to decide whether they can afford to purchase the Village Hall based on the valuation received. This needs to be discussed in more detail at the Finance Committee meeting on 15th December 2014.

Gary Sumner asked Parish Council if they would agree in principle to purchase the Village Hall: 8 Councillors were in favour, 2 Councillors were against. It was therefore agreed in principle that Parish Council would like to purchase the Village Hall subject to further discussions on how the purchase will be funded.

- 8.5.2 Clerk has received confirmation from two residents who are interested in running the Post Office. Jon Beresford of Chapel Lane and Ken Moore of Tallow Lane

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail from resident of 2 The Beanlands in relation to Stanley Close development. They state that the developer is still not complying with the delivery times and they are meeting with the site manager at 9am on Tuesday 25th November 2014.
- E-mails received from resident of the Malthouse in relation to the underlease for the land next to church car park.
- E-mail from resident of The Thicket in relation to the accident on 31st October on the road in front of their property. Police have confirmed that the accident is not speed related. Bob Biggs suggested having white lines along the middle of the road to ensure cars are kept to their side of the road. *ACTION Clerk to ask SBC if this is possible*

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 27th October 2014 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.45

Date of next meeting Monday 22nd December 2014