

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **25<sup>th</sup> April 2016** 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 P Warensjo, Mr B Biggs, Mr R Whitfield, Mrs D Stalker, Mr M Simpson

**In Attendance:** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk)

1 Apologies: Mr A Bennett, Mr W J Smith

2 Declaration of interest:  
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they each rent an allotment.

3. Minutes:  
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record.

### ***Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions***

No members of the public at this meeting

4. Report from Ward Councillor  
*Andrew Bennett was not present at the meeting*

## **5. PLANNING**

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:  
**S/15/0476** – Sharpes Farm, Burycroft - Erection of a rural/equestrian workers dwelling and associated works – Revised Plans  
Parish Council discussed the revised plans and agreed that in principle they had no objection to the proposed new dwelling and garage; the area is prone to surface water flooding but Parish Council agreed that this should be a matter for SBC drainage officer to assess.

5.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:  
None

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 Management Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Colin Offer stated that Hooper's Field had overspent its budget for the financial year, with reference to

costs. Clerk corrected this statement confirming that the overspend has been due to the higher electricity cost, plus the extra cost associated with the sewage pump repairs. Discussion took place as to how this overspend should be covered, whether it is possible for clubs to pay more. Clerk confirmed that Hooper's Field has got a maintenance fund currently in the region of £36k which can be used to cover extra one off costs. Colin Offer stated that this fund used be £60k. Clerk confirmed that the decrease in the Hooper's Field fund has not just been as a result of overspends, as new tennis courts, floodlights plus other items have also been funded.

Hooper's Field Open Day will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

- 6.1.2 New play area at Lower Rec has now been installed.
- 6.1.3 Clerk has told the May Day Fayre organisers that they cannot use Hooper's Field this year for parking; they have replied acknowledging this but confirmed that they will not be able to stop people from using Hooper's Field unless the gate is closed/locked. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for signs to be put up at the entrance and clubs asked to keep the gate closed.

## 6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Clerk met with Martin Fry (SBC Rights of Way Officer) to discuss transfer of footpath maintenance to Parish Council.
- 6.2.2 Village Clean Up was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, unfortunately turnout was very low but this could be due to the weather. It was agreed that it is still a worthwhile event and perhaps it would be better to hold the event slightly earlier.
- 6.2.3 Hedge plants at Chapel Lane have been purchased and planted; residents of Chapel Lane thanked Parish Council for arranging this.
- 6.2.4 E-mail from resident in relation to the dead tree at Church Meadow, asking if Parish Council would remove it to allow replacement trees to be planted. After a discussion it was agreed that Donna Stalker would provide the Clerk with a contact who may help with the removal of the tree as he would be interested in the wood.
- 6.2.5 Woodland Trust have come forward with proposals to improve the entrances to Warneage Wood. Parish Council agreed to support these proposals.
- 6.2.6 Additional items to be added to the Village Lengthsman list of work; to remove the pile of rubbish at the allotment site and to arrange for the village gateways to be cleaned.

## 6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.3.1 Mark Simpson has circulated minutes of last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## 6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 NEV Planning Obligations draft SPD. Parish Council discussed document; Gary Sumner discussed his comments and in addition to these it was agreed that there should be no development from the NEV onto Wanborough Road. ACTION Clerk to submit comments to SBC.
- 6.4.2 LGPS Employers' discretions policy. This will now be discussed at the next meeting, Clerk to resend policy to all councillors.
- 6.4.3 NEV Liaison Meeting held at SBC; Gary Sumner, Andrew Bennett and Clerk attended meeting. Main points from the meeting were that several NEV planning applications deadlines have been extended until June 2016, which includes Lotmead and Redlands. There are still a few problems in relation to the Rowborough application which is holding up development in this area which should be the first phase of the NEV development. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting in relation to infrastructure and how to prevent rat running through the village; date yet to be confirmed.
- 6.4.4 South Locality Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Colin Hayes and Roger Whitfield attended this meeting. A question was raised at the meeting as to whether Swindon News is received by residents in Wanborough. It was confirmed that as far as a Parish Council is aware no one receives this. ACTION Clerk to e-mail SBC to confirm.

Other items discussed at meeting: proposed highway improvements at M4 Junction 16 due to start in October 2016 and Junction 15 starting in 2017 and expected to last for two years. Broadband has been delayed due to problems in the north of Swindon.

- 6.4.5 Parish Councillor Elections are due to held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Only 10 nominations received therefore all nominations will be automatically elected, leaving one vacancy. Parish Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 will be the first meeting after election.
- 6.4.6 Parish Council met with Aidy Hicks (Taylor Wimpey) to discuss outstanding drainage work at the Stanley Close development. It was confirmed that nothing was actually agreed at the meeting due to a difference of opinion in relation to the cost of maintaining the ditch. It was agreed that Aidy Hicks would go away to discuss the matter further with Taylor Wimpey and to hold another meeting once more information is obtained.
- 6.4.7 Special Expenses meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2106. Gary Sumner attended meeting and confirmed that the meeting was mainly to discuss how Special Expenses prevent double taxation and how Parish Precepts may increase after the parishing of the un-parished areas.
- 6.4.8 Wilts & Berks Canal Trust have provided detailed plans for the proposed canal across the NEV. Parish Council support the canal proposal but agreed that this project is only going to happen if it is funded by the developer, it was therefore agreed that this should be included within the NEV SPD.

## **7. FINANCE**

### **7.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Per-Axel Warensjo 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 April 2016 endorsed and the transfers to cover April 2016 expenditure be approved."

## **8. OTHER**

### **8.1 Transport**

- 8.1.1 Bus Service 90, and Wilts County Council service 46 & 48. Gary Sumner confirmed that he had received positive responses from Liddington, Covingham, Nythe, Chiseldon/Badbury, Shrivenham and Bourton. South Marston confirmed that they were not interested. The next stage is to gain a costing for a proposed bus route ready for further discussion.

### **8.2 Grants**

- 8.2.1 Wanborough Cricket Club, Wanborough JFC and St Andrews Church all thanked Parish Council for their grants recently received.

### **8.3 Flooding**

- 8.3.1 Steven Sanders SBC has provided an update on the flood mitigation works. He confirmed that re-instatement of Kite Hill and Rotten Row will be completed over the next week with top soil. There is still work to be carried out on the High Street, but once this is finished all work will be complete and they will start to dismantle the compound from Hooper's Field.

### **8.4 Neighbourhood Plan**

- 8.4.1 Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation ends today (25<sup>th</sup> April 2016). Feedback is being collated and the first meeting to start discussing feedback will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Clerk has received over 70 responses, plus several more received over the weekend.

### 8.5 Annual Assembly

Date now Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. It was agreed to include the following at this meeting:-

- Update from Chairman
- Neighbourhood Plan update after consultation of draft document
- Transfer of Services from SBC
- New Eastern Villages update (only in relation to the impact on the village)

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

*All other correspondence since the last meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was available at the meeting.*

*Meeting closed at 21.10*

*Date of next meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016*