

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **25<sup>th</sup> February 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 C Hayes, Mr W J Smith, Mr R Whitfield, Mr W Suter, Mr A Bennett, Mr B Biggs, Mrs D Stalker, Mr P Warensjo.

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 3 members of Public

1. Apologies: None
2. Co-option of Parish Councillor  
Donna Stalker and Per-Axel Warensjo were co-opted onto the Parish Council. They duly signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office".
3. Declaration of interest: Mr David Hayward and Mr Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 7.2 as they own an allotment. Mr Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest on item 7.4.2 as he owns land within the proposed eastern development area. Mr Joe Smith and Mrs Donna Stalker declared a prejudicial interest on the planning application at Foxbridge Farm as they live next to the farm.
4. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

*Ayde gave an update of the anti flooding work at Acorn Bridge. He confirmed that permission had now been gained from the land owner next to Acorn Bridge in order to fix the drainage problem. He also confirmed that at The Marsh, on the corner by the new housing estate, he had noticed that there is a blocked culvert which may be the reason why this corner has flooded recently. He asked the Parish Council if they are happy for him and a few volunteers to sort out this problem. Mr Gary Sumner stated that Parish Council would raise no objection, but this would be land owned by Swindon Borough Council so it would be better to gain permission from them.*

### 5. Report from Ward Councillor

Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that Swindon Borough Council have now agreed their budget. He stated that it had been very difficult as another £15million had to be saved on top of previous savings already made, when there is only a £130million budget it is difficult to make such large savings. The Mobile Library that visits the village was one area that was planned to be cut as part of the budget savings; however there have been further discussions to figure out alternatives in order to keep this service going.

A question was raised to Mr Andrew Bennett as to whether Swindon Borough Council are going to do anything about the parking problems at the hospital which results in cars queuing along the entrance to the hospital and along the dual carriageway. Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that he was not sure, but he confirmed that there is further land allocated for the hospital.

Mr Per-Axel Warensjo asked Mr Andrew Bennett about introduction of superfast broadband in the Swindon area. Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that Swindon Borough Council have

withdrawn from the project due to the fact that BT reduced their funding. Some areas such as Bishopstone are looking at other ideas to introduce better broadband on a private basis.

6.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/12/1754/SASM** – Kings Lane Farm, Kite Hill – Conversion of stable to gym and erection of garage. – Revised plans. Parish Council object to the plans for the same reasons made for the original plans.

**S/11/0316** – Foxbridge Farm, The Marsh – Retention of conversion works and change of use of a single storey barn to provide a two bedroom ancillary accommodation – Plans as built. (*Donna Stalker and Joe Smith left the room while this application was discussed*) Parish Council are not happy that the work has been carried out before planning permission has been gained. Parish Council originally stated that they would support the application provided they improved the sightlines onto Wanborough Road, however this has not been done therefore Parish Council object to the plans and raise concerns about the visibility and access to the new dwelling.

**S/ADV/13/0125RM** – Lotmead Farm, Wanborough Road – Display of various directional signs and boarding. Parish Council raised no objection to this application.

6.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received

**S/12/1596/HC** – Land adjacent to Glenville and Cherry Tree House, Rotten Row – Erection of 1 No Dwellings and detached garage.

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 Initial meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February to discuss Hooper's Field Open day. Mr Bill Suter confirmed that this meeting was very positive and it has been agreed to hold this event on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from 10am to 3pm. Hopefully if the weather is good the event will be held outside. This event will be discussed further at the next Hooper's Field subcommittee meeting.

7.1.2 The next Hooper's Field subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

7.1.3 Andrew Clinning, Cricket Club has thanked Parish Council for agreeing to purchase a new cricket mower

7.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

7.2.1 E-mail received from Rosemary Savage asking if Parish Council would consider purchasing some more scalplings for Green Lane and arrange for them to be spread, as the condition of Green Lane has deteriorated. Parish Council discussed the matter and felt that Green Lane was very water logged at the moment and it would not be a good time to do anything. Mr Bob Biggs agreed to go and look at Green Lane to see what could be done. Clerk was also asked to contact David Birley about the remaining balance in the Swamp Fund.

7.2.2 The date for Village Clean up was agreed to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 9am – 11am. Article to be included in April's Lyden.

7.2.3 Some additional work was agreed for Lee Wells which included:-

- Repairing the seat on Church Road;

- Clean village gateways;
  - To treat the gate behind the village hall;
  - To look at the mound of mud around the side of the village hall.
- 7.2.4 Allotments subcommittee meetings for 2013 will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> July & 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Annual Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Joe Smith has agreed to help sort out the problem of the manure pile at allotments which is very large and covering half the car park. Mr Bob Biggs reported that every allotment has now got a post marking the plot; some more plots have become available which will be offered to people next on the waiting list.
- 7.2.5 Mr Gary Sumner stated that the head teacher at Wanborough Primary School has asked if there is anyone who would be interested in taking on the allotment area at the school to let him know.
- 7.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee
- 7.3.1 No meeting has been held since the last Parish Council meeting.
- 7.4 Planning and Finance
- 7.4.1 Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan 2026. Parish Council have submitted their comments; a copy of this letter has been circulated to all Councillors, and it is also available to all residents on the website. Mr Joe Smith felt strongly that he should have been consulted about the proposal to include in Parish Council's comments to Swindon Borough Council about closing Wanborough Road. Mr Gary Sumner stated that the reason why he had not been consulted was due to the fact that a large part of Parish Council's comments to Swindon Borough Council were in relation to Redlands Farm being included within the settlement boundary and as he had a prejudicial interest in this he was not included in any of the e-mails relating to Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan 2026. Mr Joe Smith still felt that this should not mean that he was not consulted on the Wanborough Road proposals of closure; he stated that he had spoken to Norman Perry, Lotmead Farm and he is not happy with Parish Council's suggestion to close Wanborough Road. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that it is not Parish Council's proposal to close the road now, the proposal relates to when the developments take place along Wanborough Road; when this happens Norman Perry will have sold his land and moved away. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that out of all other Parish Councillors there were 3 who definitely stated "no" to the proposal to close the road, the remaining stated "yes" but if possible with restrictions which is why Parish Council's letter was revised to include this.
- 7.4.2 Sam Howell SBC has sent Parish Council a draft design criteria for Redlands and has asked for Parish Council's comments (*Mr Joe Smith left the room while this item was discussed*). Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that Webbpaton are now acting as agents for Redlands and are currently advertising Redlands as suitable for 500 homes; they are seeking offers on the land up to the date of 14<sup>th</sup> March. Parish Council discussed the matter and decided that Clerk would reply to Sam Howell stating that Parish Council would not agree to any more than 30-50 homes at Redlands as promised by Councillor Heenan at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Mr Gary Sumner also confirmed that this would be discussed further at the next Working Party meeting.
- 7.4.3 SBC's Neighbourhood Planning Protocol. Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that he will be attending a training session on how to start a Neighbourhood Plan on 13<sup>th</sup> March. He therefore suggested discussing this matter further once he had been to this training session.

## **8. FINANCE**

### **8.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Offer and seconded by Mr 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 February 2013 endorsed and the transfers to cover February 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 Colin Offer that the statement be accepted.

## **9. OTHER**

### **9.1 Transport**

No matters raised

### **9.2 Grants**

9.2.1 Alex Sutton, Kite Hill, Wanborough has e-mailed Parish Council asking if Parish Council knows of any grants/ funding to help him towards his dream at being a disabled dressage rider. He has been re-selected for a place on the World Class Development Programme for Para Equestrian Dressage and is looking for funding to help with his ongoing costs. Parish Council discussed the matter and agreed to donate £200; they also suggested that he looked into Lottery funding.

### **9.3 Flooding**

No matters raised

### **9.4 Eastern Village Working Party**

9.4.1 The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7pm at Bishopstone

### **9.5 Social Networking Site**

9.5.1 Mr Gary Sumner confirmed that Facebook and Twitter accounts have now been set up for Parish Council. It was agreed that from now on Parish Council would only put statements onto the website and not their own opinions. If Parish Councillors wish to add their own comments onto Facebook this can be done by setting their own account up in their name so that residents know that it is their opinion and not that of the Parish Council as a whole.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Meeting closed at 21.35

*Date of next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013*