

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **25th November 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, Mr Andrew Bennett, Mr C Hayes, Mr W J Smith Mr R Whitfield

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

1. Apologies: Mr W Suter, Mrs D Stalker
2. Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they both own an allotment.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th October 2013 and 4th November 2013 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

The proposed plans at the Village Hall to incorporate a new post office were discussed; comments had been received from Wanborough Playgroup and Village Hall committee. Gary Sumner stated that the Village Hall committee's proposal to have a footpath at the opposite side of the building is not possible as the width is too narrow at the rear of the Village Hall. Gary Sumner asked if Wanborough Playgroup had any plans to move to the School in the near future; Sarah Ingram confirmed that unless the School can provide a purpose built building along with an outside play area, they have no plans to move to the School. Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council are planning to progress with the Post Office proposal. Parish Council are also looking into purchasing the Village Hall from the Bristol Diocese. Gary Sumner confirmed that the plans can be adjusted slightly to ensure there is enough storage and that the loft hatch is positioned correctly. Parish Council are aiming to carry out work on the Village Hall during the summer holidays of 2014.

A member of the public asked how the Local Plan Exploratory Meeting went. Gary Sumner confirmed that the Planning Inspector has still got serious concerns about the deliverability of the Local Plan; mainly the shortfall in funding for essential infrastructure. Swindon Borough Council have been given a week to write to the Planning Inspector, depending on Swindon Borough Council's response it will then be decided whether to proceed with the Examination in Public (EiP). If they decide to proceed with the Examination in Public then it will be held in March 2014. Colin Hayes asked if this meeting is unusual compared to other parts of the country. Andrew Bennett confirmed that these meetings are being held in other areas, however Mr M Fox (Planning Inspector) did write personally to SBC stating what he felt about SBC's initial reply; SBC's initial reply was extremely lengthy and still the Planning Inspector raised concerns. Gary Sumner stated that money is a huge problem everywhere resulting in plans not being deliverable

4. Report from Ward Councillor

Andrew Bennett confirmed that he attended a planning meeting recently in Warwick where they were looking at financial benefits from a planning application; he expects that SBC will remain with the S106 format.

Gary Sumner asked about SBC's green wheelie bin proposal. Andrew Bennett confirmed that this is still due to be agreed, however if this proposal's agreed it will mean that green bags will no longer be collected.

Andrew Bennett confirmed that there is likely to be a council tax increase next year.

Councillor Heenan's proposal to install solar panels along the A419 was discussed. It was agreed that Parish Council will write a letter to SBC asking to see the plans for the solar panels before they go to Cabinet.

Andrew Bennett confirmed that there are grants available for new businesses. Per-Axel Warensjo asked if it would be possible to gain a grant for super fast broadband; it was confirmed that the broadband company could apply for the grant.

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/13/1562 – Poplars Nursery – Erection of a detached building to accommodate a swimming pool. Parish Council considered this application and raised no objection.

S/OUT/13/1555 – Eastern Villages, Land North of A420 South Marston and Rowborough – Outline planning permission for a sustainable urban extension for up to 2,380 dwellings, a mixed use local centre and mixed use areas, community uses, sheltered accommodation, a primary school, green infrastructure, including new accesses from the A420, Old Vicarage Lane and Thornhill Road. After a discussion Parish Council agreed to object to the planning application for the following reasons:-

- Premature to submit a planning application on land that has not been formally agreed with the Local Plan;
- Transport concerns – A420 already at capacity.
- It is crucial to have trigger points in place to ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure. The trigger points for the Wichelstowe development have been changed, it is important that it does not happen within the Eastern Villages.
- The proposed plans only include a new primary school, with no provision for a secondary school, doctors surgery etc.

Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council have until the 13th December to make their comments, he therefore proposed to wait for the Transport Consultant (Bob Hindaugh) and Planning Barrister (Tim Comyn) to provide comments to Parish Council before a letter is submitted to SBC. Parish Council agreed to this proposal, details to be circulated by e-mail.

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

S/13/0815/RM – PGL Liddington – Erection of two storey guest accommodation, single storey staff accommodation, single storey activity barn, installation of activity lake and extension of existing activity lake together with internal access road and car parking.

S/LDP/13/1311/EDSN – Certificate of Lawful Development – Lower Recreation Ground – Erection of a storage shed.

S/13/1327/HECO – The Willows, Rotten Row – Erection of a single storey rear/side extension, increase to roof ridge height to provide loft conversion and 2 no dormers to side.

S/13/1331/SASM – 1 Plain Farm Cottages, Foxhill – Erection of a detached garage for disability vehicles.

S/13/1433/EDSN – 1 Callas Rise – Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and dormer to rear.

Dave Hayward suggested, now that the storage shed at the Lower Rec has gained permission, a small pack of trees or hedgerow mix should be obtained to plant around the shed from the Woodland Trust. Parish Council agreed.

Planning application at Stanley Close was discussed; nothing has been heard from Thames Water; Clerk to chase a reply regarding the culvert next to 2 The Beanlands and the foul water pipe connection. Clerk also to e-mail Andy Cattermole (Taylor Wimpey) to find out whether the assessment of the bund in Springlines Meadow has been carried out as promised at the meeting on the 4th November.

- 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 Clerk met with Wilts FA to discuss the damage to Hooper's Field. The officer confirmed that the hearing is due to be held on 9th December and they will decide at this hearing if Supermarine are liable to pay for the damages.
- 6.1.2 A resident (Jane Flew) has asked if she can hire/borrow 24 chairs from Hooper's Field for a private party on 4th January 2014. Parish Council agreed.
- 6.1.3 Baby Boppers have confirmed that they no longer wish to hire Hooper's Field on a Monday morning due to lack of interest.
- 6.1.4 Church Meadow play area – "Expression of Interest" application form sent to Community First. Community First have confirmed that this project is eligible for a grant and have invited Parish Council to submit an application, the next round of grants will be agreed at the end of January 2014, so application needs to be submitted before then. Total expected grant to be received, if agreed by Community First, will be around £9,000.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Sub committee meeting held on Monday 18th November 2013. Bob Biggs confirmed that the Covingham allotment waiting list has been reinstated; there are currently 4 plots available to let and he will allocate these to Wanborough residents first before Covingham. He asked if the money allocated for the new allotment site can be re-directed to pay for re-installing and repairing the footpaths between the allotments, Gary Sumner confirmed that this can be discussed at the precept meeting.

Dave Hayward agreed to e-mail Clerk with details of the annual charge for Covingham Parish Council so that she can raise an invoice.

Bob Biggs asked if the overhanging trees along Green Lane can be cut back, Clerk to add to Lee Wells' list of jobs.

6.2.2 E-mail received from SBC in relation to the part-closure of footpath 13 due to the Taylor Wimpey development. Parish Council raised no objection.

6.2.3 Gary Sumner suggested that the footpath committee start up the footpath walks again. Bob to arrange for an article to be included in the next Lyden.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

6.3.1 Village Hall Committee held on Monday 11th November 2013. Colin Hayes confirmed that he had agreed to look at the Hallmark paperwork and try and progress the application.

The floor in the Village Hall needs sanding and resealing. Village Hall committee are currently gaining three quotes for this work, it is likely to cost in the region of £2,500. Village Hall committee will be asking for the remaining £1,000 towards the cost of this work.

The recent craft fair was successful and they raised in the region of £400.

Two large tables have recently gone missing from the Village Hall.

Colin Hayes confirmed that he had explained to the Village Hall Committee regarding Parish Council's plans to purchase the Village Hall from the Bristol Diocese. He confirmed that the current valuation is in the region of £70,000 and they would not accept anything lower than £40,000. Gary Sumner confirmed that the reason the valuation is low is because the only possible buyer for the Village Hall would be the Parish Council. The chair of the PCC is the Vicar; the Vicar confirmed that he is keen to work with the Parish Council to purchase the Village Hall. The Vicar is meeting with Arch Deacon at the end of the month; Parish Council will hear the outcome after this meeting.

6.4 Planning and Finance

6.4.1 Development next to Stanley Close, meeting held on 4th November 2013. Since the meeting Janet Busby (Planning Officer) has confirmed that the on and off site drainage condition has not been agreed by SBC. Andrew Bennett confirmed that as far he was aware this is the only condition remaining to be agreed.

6.4.2 Gary Sumner and Clerk met with Shaun Smith (SBC) in relation to discussing the possibility of finding a location to put library books in addition to the mobile library service already available. The current vehicle used for the mobile library needs replacing in 1-2 years and SBC is unlikely to have the funding available to replace it.

6.4.3 SBC have confirmed that the Precept details for 2014/15 will be agreed on Wednesday 11th December, therefore the proposed date for the Parish Council precept meeting of 9th December will need to be postponed until 20th January 2014.

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 November 2013 endorsed and the transfers to cover November 2013 expenditure be approved.”

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

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

7.3 Financial Accounts – Half Year Accounts to 30th September 2013

Half year financial accounts to 30th September 2013 were circulated to all Councillors. Accounts were agreed and signed by Chairman.

8. **OTHER**

8.1 Transport

8.1.1 Nothing to report

8.2 Grants

No requests received

8.3 Flooding

8.3.1 Flood meeting held on 7th November. Since the meeting Environment Agency have confirmed that they have no planned maintenance on the Lyden Brook for 2013/14. Mr Joe Smith stated that at the meeting Chris Hinton had confirmed that everything had now been sorted with regard to land disputes and he felt that this should be reflected in the minutes. Gary Sumner confirmed that he had raised the question at the meeting; Clerk to amend the minutes.

8.3.2 Gary Sumner and Simon Masters (SBC) met with Sarah Stebbing (Woodland Trust) in relation to the ditches within the Woodland Trust area. Gary Sumner confirmed that the Woodland Trust have already submitted their budget for 2014/15, therefore it was agreed that Parish Council would contact Community Payback to see if they are able to help with clearance of the ditches.

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan

8.4.1 The application has now been submitted to SBC, Clerk to circulate to all councillors

8.5 Wanborough Post Office

8.5.1 Clerk forwarded new plans to SBC planning officer to provide pre application comments., Heather Carlisle (SBC Planning Officer) replied stating that in her opinion the proposal is acceptable subject to overcoming initial highway concerns.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 All correspondence listed on Clerk’s notes was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Date of next meeting Monday 16th December 2013