

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012** at Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

**PRESENT:** Mr G Sumner, Mr A Bennett, Mr R Biggs, Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Mr C Offer, Mrs S Daltrey, Mr W J Smith, Mr B Suter, Mr R Whitfield.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs H Craven-Jones (Clerk).

1 Apologies: Mrs K Pearson.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Mr C Hayes and Mr D Hayward declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments, if any discussion were to take place relating to the allotments, as they rent an allotment. Andrew Bennett declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5.1 Planning Application S/12/0341/RM – 6 Kite Hill Cottages and left the room whilst this was discussed.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

4. Report from Ward Councillor:

Mr A Bennett confirmed that the Corporance Governance Review will be taking place soon. Several Departments at Swindon Borough Council are busy preparing for the forthcoming Council elections taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012.

Liddington have launched their Parish Plan and this is now on their website.

A Bennett recently attended an Equality Coalition meeting; the lack of provision of public toilets in rural areas was discussed and is being looked into further.

***Public questions took place after the update from the Ward Councillor, as the residents arrived just after the Ward Councillor had started talking.***

***Two residents from Springlines attended the meeting and requested an update on the proposed housing development in the open land above Stanley Close in***

***Wanborough. The Chairman confirmed that he, Andrew Bennett and Colin Offer had met with Janet Busby from Swindon Borough Council. Janet Busby is the Case Officer for this proposed development. The Parish Council have raised concerns over flooding and the inaccuracy of school places at Wanborough Primary School, (the correct figures have now been confirmed). Various investigations are still taking place at Swindon Borough Council in respect of this development.***

***The Chairman confirmed that the Developer's are working on a detailed application for the site, which as indicated at the Parish Council meeting in January is likely to be submitted in June/July this year.***

## **5. PLANNING:**

### **5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:**

**S/12/0270/ROBI** - Erection of a single storey side extension and swimming pool to rear. Amendment to planning permission S/11/0984 - The Chestnuts, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AE – No objections. However as it is in the Conservation Area, all materials used need to be in keeping with the other houses in the area.

**S/12/0301/KICO** – Demolish existing dwelling and erection of 1 no. replacement dwelling – Ridgeway, Ham Road, Liddington, Swindon – It would appear from the plans that the building line has moved forward. It was requested that the height of the building be no higher than the height of the previous building. The Parish Council have requested confirmation from the Planning Officer about the proposed building line and height; is the Planning Officer happy with the relocation?

**S/12/0341/RM** – Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension – 6 Kite Hill Cottages, Kite Hill, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AW – No objections.

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

**S/11/1778/SASM** – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, attached double garage and associated works – Fairways, Ham Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HH

**S/11/1479/RM** – Erection of a herd manager's house and farm office – Horpit Farm, Horpit, Wanborough, SN4 0AT

**S/12/0095/JABU** – Erection of a first floor side extension – Hill View, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AD

**S/12/0019/HECO** – Re-thatch roof and erection of a chimney – Disney Cottage, 54 Church Road, Wanborough, SN4 0BZ

**S/LBC/12/0020/HECO** – Re-thatch roof and erection of a chimney – Disney Cottage, 54 Church Road, Wanborough, SN4 0BZ

**S/12/0086/HECO** – Erection of a garage to side – 8 Burycroft, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AP.

**S/LDP/12/0279/EDSN** – Certificate of lawful development (proposed) for the erection of a side extension – Kite Hill Farmhouse, 7 Jenner Close, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0FA

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received:

**S/12/0061/RM** – Erection of a replacement workshop/store building – Land at Callas Hill, Wanborough

## 6. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES:**

### 6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

Colin Offer confirmed that a Hooper's Field Management Committee meeting is taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, with alot to cover. A full update from the meeting will be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

Following the recent hosepipe ban, it needs to be established if restrictions will still apply to the Bowls Club and Cricket Club as they need to start preparing their pitches for the start of the season. The Bowls Club/Cricket Club will contact Thames Water to establish this.

The Cricket Club reported to the Clerk that the cricket square has recently been damaged . It was confirmed that the square would be worked on and prepared for the start of the season within the Village Clean-Up on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### 6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

Members of the Wanborough Show Committee reported last year that the padlock on the lower gate at Church Meadow was broken. The Parish Council agreed that a new one should be fitted. The Clerk will ask the Village Lengthsman to do this. Also, the safety surface at Church Meadow is in a poor state. The Clerk will ask the Village Lengthsman to tidy this up.

The Village Maintenance Works Programme arranged through Swindon Borough Council will not continue in its usual form this year. It is the intention that the StreetSmart team will become mutli-skilled and do the work as and when required. James Garrad is still the main contact and will provide further details when it is confirmed.

Andrew Bennett is going to obtain some further details on getting help with village maintenance, this is provided through the Community Pay Back Team. Some local

Parishes already use this Scheme.

The Village Clean Up takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The Clerk has been asked to book a skip, the same size as last year. This will be placed at Hooper's Field. Help will be given to the Cricket Club in order to help them prepare the pitch for the start of the season.

Bob Biggs confirmed he is still awaiting details on the lease regarding the land at King's Lane. This is in respect of additional allotments at this site.

The Parish Plan are very close to completing their survey analysis and a further public event will be arranged in order to provide feedback on this. A lot of interest was shown in obtaining further sports facilities for the Village and some form of indoor sports hall, as well as a meeting place for teenagers.

The Clerk is going to ask a representative from Parish Plan to attend the Hooper's Field Management Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in order to give the Clubs an update on feedback from the survey with regards to sports facilities and ideas/plans for expansion within the Village.

The Clerk is also going to ask someone from the Parish Plan to attend the Annual Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> May and provide some feedback on the survey.

Over 40 people attended the Woodland Trust tree planting event at Church Meadow on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012. As the event was to mark the Queen's jubilee, details of it will be placed in the Royal Record. The Lady Mayor attended in the afternoon in order to plant the Royal Oak.

There are about 60 trees left which have been potted and will be planted in the autumn, exact location still to be agreed. The Clerk is to ask the Village Lengthsman to spray around the trees that have been planted with weed killer. He will also remove the brambles at Church Meadow.

Concerns were raised about the condition of the Elm tree at Church Meadow. The Clerk will see what was detailed in the tree report and report back to the Parish Council.

The Clerk is to ask the Village Lengthsman if he will take on the dog waste collection as he does the general waste collection. If he does, we will no longer use Merlin Waste. The Clerk will report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

### 6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

The new dishwasher has been damaged. The new stage is in place although it is not completed as it needs another layer of lacquer. The Committee would like to box all the pipes in so they are out of reach of children when attending Playgroup.

The Village Hall Management Committee are applying for Hallmark Standard. The Clerk has been asked to find any paperwork in relation to Trustees of the Village Hall.

### 6.4 Planning and Finance:

No update.

### 6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

18 of the emergency plan questionnaires have been completed and returned. These are to be passed on to Bob Biggs. Bob would like to meet with Sam Weller from the Civil Protection Unit at Swindon Borough Council in order to discuss the comments on the forms. The Clerk is to arrange this for after the elections taking place early May.

## 7 **FINANCE**

### 7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated; it was not approved as there were some outstanding questions that need to be clarified by the Accountant.

### 7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated; it was not approved as there were some outstanding questions that need to be clarified by the Accountant.

## 8. **OTHERS**

### 8.1 Transport:

No update.

### 8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Stephen Taylor did a presentation on the Corporate Governance Review at the recent WALC AGM.

### 8.3 Corporate Governance Review:

Please see agenda item 8.2 in respect of this.

### 8.4 Grants:

Nothing to report.

### 8.5 Flooding:

A flood meeting was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am at Hooper's Field. There was no representation from Thames Water, although they were notified several times about the meeting. They have failed to attend the last 2 meetings and confirm if they have followed up on their action points. Therefore, a formal letter is now to be sent to Thames Water stating this.

The letter will be published on the Parish Council website and also copied to Ofwat and Robert Buckland. Some amendments are being made to the flood report by Carl Collins. The report has been taken offline whilst the amendments are being done.

Details about the future flooding meetings and minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.

### 8.6 Eastern Villages Working Party:

The meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled. The Clerk is to contact Sam Howell at Swindon Borough Council and confirm the date of the next meeting.

The Core Strategy is likely to go out for Public Consultation June/July this year.

### 8.7 Notices of Election 2012:

All members of the Parish Council at the meeting confirmed they had their nomination papers. The Clerk confirmed that those wishing to re-stand must **return the nomination papers to Sally Sprason at Swindon Borough Council by noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

### 8.8 Traffic problems in lower High Street:

A resident raised concerns about the parked cars on the High Street (The Plough side) obstructing the southbound flow of traffic. The Parish Council do not want to restrict parking on either side of the High Street at this stage or place bollards there. It was agreed that no further action would be taken on this matter. The situation will however be reviewed should the matter be raised again.

**8.9 Annual Assembly:**

The Annual Assembly is being held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Rory Draper has confirmed he will attend and provide an update on policing issues over the last 12 months. Robert Buckland, Conservative MP for South Swindon is unable to attend so the Clerk is going to ask if he can send a representative on his behalf.

**8.10 Wanborough Summer Show:**

This is being held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012. A new padlock is to be fitted to the lower gate at Church Meadow.

**Wanborough Village Stores:**

Wanborough Stores will be closing in October this year if nobody puts in an offer between now and then. The closure of the Post Office and the shop would be a great loss to the Village. Andrew Bennett is going to speak to Community First and obtain some advice to see if there is an alternative place within the Village where the Post Office service could be provided from. Gary Sumner is also going to put an article about this in the Lyden and on the Parish Council website. This will also be mentioned at the Annual Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ITEM 2** – E-mail from Jackie Moyles, regarding Wanborough school places, Gareth Cheal from SBC has confirmed that this is correct.

**ITEM 7** – Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 come into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

**ITEM 8** – Letter from Janet Busby at SBC regarding Stanley Close, pre-application inquiry.

**ITEM 9** – Planning Training Programme for 2012/2013 – E-mailed to PC on 23/3/12. Please notify the Clerk if you wish to attend any of the training.

**ITEM 11** – Wanborough Fun Run – To be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**The meeting closed at 21.30.**

***Date of next meeting is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, 7.30pm  
at Wanborough Village Hall.***