

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **26th March 2018** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr C Offer (Chairman), Mr B Biggs (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Whitfield, Mr D Hayward, Mr M Simpson, Mr J Smith, Mr C Hayes and Mr J Emmins.

In Attendance: Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 10 members of public and Mr G Sumner (Ward Councillor).

1. Apologies: Mr J Naylor, Mr J Sinclair and Mrs D Stalker.
2. Declaration of interest:
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 8.3 as they each rent an allotment. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest in items 8.5.1 and 8.5.2 as he owns land within the NEV.
3. Minutes:
Resolved the minutes of the full council meeting held on 26th February 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairperson as a true record.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident attended the meeting stating that she is the owner of The Harrow pub. She has recently been in discussions with the owner of the Post Office and is concerned that it is likely to close in the near future. She has been considering other options, which include putting a portacabin at the back of The Harrow pub. She confirmed that she is happy to support a Post Office/community shop at the rear of the pub and would be happy to facilitate a meeting with the community, but would not be able to run the shop. She therefore asked the Parish Council if they would support a proposal and what help Parish Council will be able to provide. A discussion took place confirming previous research and information found out in relation to finding a solution to the Post Office.

After a discussion Parish Council agreed to send 1 or 2 representatives to a meeting, with the resident to confirm to Parish Council the date of a meeting once it has been organised.

A resident attended the meeting in relation to footpath 44 modification order. He confirmed that he had received a reply to his freedom of information request and therefore asks, in light of this, whether Parish Council would now reconsider their decision made at the Parish Council meeting in December. Colin Offer confirmed that this matter is not on the agenda for the meeting and therefore Parish Council will not be reconsidering their decision.

A resident raised concerns about the proposed closure of The Marsh as part of the Southern Connector Road (SCR). He feels that closing The Marsh will have an impact on his business, stating that deliveries will be difficult if the road is closed. Colin Offer confirmed that the proposed junction options are on the agenda for the meeting and Parish Council will be discussing it later.

The resident also asked why he hadn't been informed about the SCR proposal before and why some residents seem to know more about it than others. A discussion took place in relation to communication methods to residents. It was confirmed that not all residents receive the Lyden magazine, or have access to the internet, therefore the best option to inform all residents is a leaflet drop.

A question was raised as to whether the village hall committee would consider installing a projector and screen; this would be a matter for the committee to consider.

4. Report from Ward Councillor

Gary Sumner confirmed that there are extra consultation dates for the NEV infrastructure proposals including the Southern Connector Road for residents to attend.

More modelling work is currently ongoing with regard to Junction 15 of the M4, which will include reviewing the flow of traffic; at the moment there is no time frame as to when this will all be done.

Redlands planning application is due to go to SBC's Planning Committee for decision; he still has concerns in relation to "rat running". There is still no change with Thames Water in relation to supplying the NEV with water.

He confirmed that he has met with SBC Highways to discuss the parking issue in Warneage Green, stating that they have a considerable amount of green areas which cars are using to park on; one of the suggestions was to make these green areas into parking spaces.

Wanborough Primary School has now received the S106 money to help pay for their classroom.

Residents at Hewer's Close made a request for a grit box; this was rejected by SBC as there was not a sufficient slope.

Dave Hayward asked if Swindon Borough Council have an overall transport and infrastructure plan for Swindon. Gary Sumner confirmed that SBC have a NEV Transport Plan and the is evolving and being reviewed.

(Gary Sumner let the meeting 8.40pm)

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/HOU/18/0237 - 50 Church Road - Erection of a first floor side extension.

Resolved – Parish Council unanimously agreed to raise no objection.

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

S/18/0052 - Herriefts Ham Road - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no. dwelling and double garage, plus a new vehicular access.

S/18/0051 - Fenny Compton Ham Road - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no. dwelling and double garage.

6. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The date when this new legislation comes into force is 25th May 2018. The Clerk confirmed that there was a presentation from SBC at the last Clerk's forum meeting and it has been confirmed that WALC will be providing more information on this to help Parish Councils. Swindon Area Committee (SAC) is also working with all parishes to come up with a joint solution for the Data Protection Officer (DPO) that each Council need to have. The DPO cannot be a Parish Councillor or the Clerk. After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council would wait to receive further information from WALC.

7. Terms of Reference

7.1.1 Terms of Reference for Hooper's Field Project Committee were circulated prior to the meeting. After a discussion Parish Council agreed to make one amendment.

Resolved Parish Council to adopt the Terms of Reference

7.1.2 To appoint members onto Hooper's Field Project Committee.

Resolved To appoint Roger Whitfield, John Emmins and Colin Offer to this committee.

Resolved To appoint other members to the committee to include a representative from each of the sports clubs (total 5 members), plus three residents. At the moment there are two vacancies for resident members.

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

8.2 Hooper's Field and Recreation

8.2.1 Sewage pump has now been repaired and the system is now running on both pumps. In view of the considerable amount of cost paid to the contractor to service, repair and an additional call out, Parish Council agreed that this should be reviewed for the future. **ACTION** *John Emmins agreed to look at the system.*

8.1.2 Correspondence received and circulated from Cricket Club along with replies from Junior Football Club. After a discussion Parish Council agreed to arrange a site meeting with Cricket Club to discuss their concerns. Joe Smith and Colin Offer to attend.

8.2 Footpaths and Village Maintenance

8.2.1 Footpath improvements from Hooper's Field have now commenced. SBC have confirmed that the directional information on the signs can be changed to include "school", they however did not agree for the footpath numbers to be added. Parish Council agreed that the inclusion of footpath numbers is something that can be considered and added later.

8.2.2 The first footpath walk was held on Thursday 22nd March 2018; this was very successful with 18 residents attending. The next will be held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 13.00, meeting at Hooper's Field.

8.2.3 Village Clean up was held on Saturday 24th March 2018. Lee Wells (Allbuild) has now been around and collected all black bags. Parish Council felt that this was successful with a considerable number of black bags collected, especially in Foxhill.

8.2.4 Village Handyman finishes on 29th March 2018. Clerk has advertised the vacancy on website and Lyden; at the moment no one has applied for the position. It was agreed to consider advertising further afield. Parish Council to use external contractors to carry out the work in the meantime.

8.2.5 Resident in The Marsh has asked if Parish Council would help clear the ditch and culvert that runs along the road near her property to help prevent the area from flooding. After a discussion Parish Council agreed to contact SBC to arrange for them to inspect. **ACTION** *Clerk*

8.2.6 Update on footpath 44. Clerk has received reply from SBC Rights of Way Officer which has been circulated to all councillors.

8.2.7 Resident reported that footpath 9 is no longer blocked by an electric fence and therefore asks that the shrubbery nearer to the start of the footpath is cleared to make the path more usable.

8.2.8 John Emmins stated that he had walked Green Lane and felt that the area is badly affected by dog fouling. It was agreed to put more signage up around the area. **ACTION** *Clerk*

8.3 Allotments

8.3.1 Next committee meeting arranged for Monday 9th April 2018.

8.4 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

8.4.1 Clerk confirmed that Jim Sinclair had attended the last committee meeting and confirmed that they would like to meet with Parish Council to discuss the maintenance of the Hall. **ACTION** *Mark Simpson agreed to arrange, Colin Offer to also attend.*

8.5 Planning and Finance

8.5.1 NEV Transport Proposals including Southern Connector Road proposed junction layouts.

Parish Council discussed the options, agreeing that there are arguments for and against closing off The Marsh. Closing off The Marsh will prevent “rat running”, however this will be a major problem for businesses, the bus route and cycle access to Commonhead Roundabout, plus closing one access to the village will result in more traffic using Pack Hill.

After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council would ask if SBC would attend a meeting at the village hall to discuss the options with all residents. **ACTION** Clerk to contact SBC.

8.5.2 SBC's request for Parish Councils to discuss proposed street naming themes for NEV. Parish Council agreed that this is still early days and suggested contacting the History Society to see if they have any ideas, as well as engaging with the school.

8.5.3 SAC meeting held on 15th March 2018. Colin Offer attended the meeting; it was agreed that Colin would circulate the minutes and Parish Council will discuss at the next meeting.

8.5.4 Training by Katie Fielding (WALC) has been arranged for Monday 16th April 2018 at 19.00 at Hooper's Field.

8.5.5 Taylor Wimpey's outstanding ditch work along Springlines Meadow has now been completed. Joe Smith asked if their work had been inspected and signed off by SBC; Clerk confirmed she wasn't sure and agreed to check with SBC.

8.5.6 Clerk confirmed that she has completed and submitted the form to BT Community Fibre, detailing all the residents who have expressed an interest.

8.5.7 Annual Assembly will be held on 14th May 2018, 19.00 at Village Hall. Items to be discussed at the meeting:-

- Defibrillators – Clerk to ask if someone will come and do a presentation
- BT Fibre Broadband
- Hooper's Field expansion project
- Other committee reports

8.6 Community Safety Forum

8.6.1 Meeting held on 13th March 2018; minutes of the meeting circulated to all Councillors. Bob Biggs attended the meeting and confirmed that there is now a website that you can log into and see what crimes have been reported in your area.

9. **FINANCE**

9.1 Payment Schedule for March 2018

Colin Hayes proposed and Mark Simpson seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the payment schedule for March 2018.

9.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

Colin Hayes proposed and Mark Simpson seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the Cash Flow Statement for March 2018.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 26th February 2018 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 22.00

Date of next meeting Monday 23rd April 2018