

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 27th February 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 K Pearson, Mr B Suter, Mr R Whitfield.

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

1 Apologies: Mr W J Smith. Mrs S Daltrey did not attend, no apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward and Mrs K Pearson 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. Mr B Suter declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6.1 on Clerks notes, regarding the quotes for the work around the edge of the bowling green. Br B Biggs declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5.1, planning application S/12/0061/RM – Land at Callas Hill, Wanborough. Mr G Sumner declared an interest in agenda item 8.4, Grants – Wanborough Junior Football Club, Girls Team.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January 2012 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

Jackie Moyles, Localities Lead for the south area of Swindon attended the Parish Council meeting in order to identify issues and understand needs within the Parish. Jackie gave an outline of her role, part of which involves working closely with the Parishes, Ward Councillors and Ward members, building community capacity and capability; enabling the community to do more for itself. She confirmed that 2 Locality meetings are being held in March – Thursday 8th March, 6.30pm at Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices and Tuesday 20th March, 6.30pm at Ridgeway School. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Members of Wanborough Parish Council informed Jackie of current issues within the Parish. These being:

- 1. The poor condition of the Wanborough road, which is in a very bad state and is often reported to Swindon Borough Council, it is even worse after heavy rainfall. Jackie confirmed she will look into this on behalf of the Parish Council*
- 2. Pack Hill/Commonhead cycle extension – SBC have recently confirmed that this will not be considered within the 2012 Works Programme. Jackie said she will follow this up with Matt Penman at SBC and establish why it did not meet the criteria and if anything further can be done in support of this project*
- 3. The Parish Council have been awarded some Developer Contributions within the last 18 months, which has been confirmed by Sarah Screen at SBC. The Parish Council would like to establish how and when the sums of money will be released from “central funds”*
- 4. Reference was made to document, “Developer Contribution – Swindon Borough Council Local Plan”. This document stated that Wanborough Primary School had 315 available places of which 212 were on the role in 2010 and 199 in 2013. The Parish Council understand that the School is currently full and that there are no spare places. Jackie is going to speak to Children’s Services at SBC and get further clarification on this.*

4. Report from Ward Councillor:

Mr A Bennett confirmed that the Mayoress has been booked for the planting of the Royal Oak tree on Saturday 24th March 2012. (The Parish Council have successfully applied for a community tree pack, which includes a Royal Oak). The tree planting will take place on the morning of 24th March and the Mayoress will plant the Royal Oak in the afternoon.

A Bennett informed the Parish Council that Covingham have lost the Number 23 bus service. A sum of money has been allocated from SBC in order to provide a short term service. Bob Biggs is going to take forward the idea of a shuttle service for OAP’s. This would pick up from Wanborough in the morning and drop off in the town centre and return again after lunch. He is going to raise this with Jackie Moyles.

5. **PLANNING:**

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/12/0061/RM – Erection of a replacement workshop/store building – Land at Callas Hill, Wanborough, Swindon. (Bob Biggs left the Hall whilst this application was

discussed). Wanborough Parish Council made the following comments in respect of this application:

As the proposed new building will not be used on a regular basis, Wanborough Parish Council request that temporary permission is given, for a period of 5 years, at which point the situation should then be reviewed

Wanborough Parish Council also have concerns about the visibility of the new, larger building, which will be more noticeable after the thinning of the hedging and trees along the roadside.

The Clerk has been asked to submit the above comments to the Planning Officer:

S/12/0134/ROBI – Erection of a garage and annexe – Kings Lane Farm, Kite Hill, Wanborough, SN4 0AW – Wanborough Parish Council are reluctant to submit any comments about this application as it is of their opinion that there is already a building there, occupying part of the space. They have concerns that this existing building may not have formal approval/planning permission.

The Clerk is to ask the Planning Officer to clarify the situation on this before any further comments are made.

S/12/0086/HECO – Erection of a garage to side – 8 Burycroft, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AP. Wanborough Parish Council made the following comments in respect of this application:

The garage needs to be stepped back, as from the front there is a contiguous line. There does not appear to be any access down the rear of the property. With the erection of this garage, there appears to be very little provision for parking.

The Clerk has been asked to submit these comments to the Planning Officer.

S/12/0095/JABU – Erection of a first floor side extension – Hill View, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AD – No objections.

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

S/11/1630/RM – Demolition of existing wooden workshop and erection of new hobbies room – 1 Ambrose Cottages, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AG.

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES:

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

Three quotes were provided for the work around the edge of the bowling green. (B. Suter left the Hall whilst this matter was discussed).

The current slabs need to be re-laid and several are cracked, so need replacing.

The Parish Council agreed that Allbuild is the preferred contractor for this work.

Before any work commences, the Clerk is going to get some advice from Ian Walding, Tree Surgeon in relation to the hedge at the Bowling Green, to identify what the roots are doing and to make sure the roots will not grow any more. She was also asked to establish the following with Allbuild – how deep will the concrete be, the width of the path, the treatment of the sub-base. Once Allbuild has provided these further details, she will forward them to the Parish Council and they will confirm via e-mail if they prefer paving or a concrete path. Once this is agreed, the Clerk will ask Allbuild to start on this work. It needs to be completed by the beginning of April, in time for the start of the bowling season.

Wanborough Tennis Club forwarded a quote to the Parish Council in respect of tennis court maintenance for Courts 3 & 4. The work would involve jet washing the courts, spraying two coats of acrylic tennis court paint and re-painting tennis playing lines in acrylic paint. The cost of this would be £3,948.00, excluding VAT. The Parish Council have requested that the Tennis Club obtain another 2 quotes in respect of this work so that they have something to compare against. The Parish Council have also asked what the estimated life of Courts 3 & 4 will be once this work is complete. The Clerk is to ask Guiseppe Bacco from the Tennis Club to provide this information.

B Biggs asked if it would be possible for all residents within the Parish to have access to the tennis courts. At the moment, only members of the Tennis Club can use them. The Clerk has been asked to follow this up with the Tennis club.

Colin Offer requested a full breakdown of the Precept spend at Hooper's Field prior to the next Hooper's Field meeting which is being held on 2nd April 2012.

The Clerk and G Sumner are meeting with the Village Lengthsman next week in order to agree on additional projects/jobs that he can work on once his hours increase from 10 to 13 on 1st April 2012.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

The Allotment Competition judging dates for 2012 are Thursday 28th June and Thursday 26th July, both at 5.30pm. Mr Bolton will be judging again this year and G Sumner, B Biggs and J Smith will represent the Parish Council and assist Mr Bolton.

The Parish Council have successfully applied for a Community tree pack from the

Woodland Trust to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Parish Council will be planting the trees on Saturday 24th March 2012, meeting in the Church car-park, Church Meadow at 10am. The Mayoress will be joining us at Church Meadow in the afternoon, 2.30pm in order to plant the Royal Oak.

The Clerk will put posters up around the Village about the tree-planting and also put details on the Parish Council website and inform the School.

The Clerk is to arrange for the Village Lengthsman to meet with Dave Hayward at Church Meadow in order to look at the hedges and identify which need cutting back prior to the tree planting on 24th March.

It was confirmed that we are still awaiting legal details on the lease for the proposed new allotment site at King's Lane, Wanborough.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

Nothing to report.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Nothing to report.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

A questionnaire was issued with the Newsletter in relation to this – 10 have been returned so far.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr C Hayes and seconded by Mr B Biggs 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 2012 be endorsed and the transfers to cover February 2012 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr C Offer and seconded by Mr C Hayes that the Statement be accepted.

8. OTHERS

8.1 Transport:

The Parish Council were e-mailed details of the link to access the Education and Transport Policy, issued by Swindon Borough Council. Bob Biggs has passed comments in respect of this to the Clerk.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Nothing to report.

8.3 Corporate Governance Review:

Nothing to report.

8.4 Grants:

Wanborough JFC have requested a grant to help with the purchasing of kit for the girls' squad - £250.00 was agreed by the Parish Council. The Cricket Club requested a grant to help towards the cost of the new nets. The Parish Council would like to contribute £500.00 towards the cost of the nets, subject to the £2000.00 being provided by Peter Deal and John Dale. The Clerk was asked to confirm these conditions in writing to the Cricket Club.

8.5 Flooding:

The next Flood Management meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March, 10.00am at Hooper's Field. Further details about the flooding meetings and minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.

8.6 Eastern Villages Working Party:

The next meeting has been arranged for 7th March. Road links will be discussed at this meeting. Updates following each meeting are provided in the Lyden magazine. The Core Strategy is likely to go out for Public Consultation June/July this year.

8.7 Notices of Election 2012:

The Clerk confirmed that she has the Notices regarding the Elections on 3rd May, they have to be displayed as of 27th March 2012. The Clerk will receive nomination papers in the next 2 week and distribute to all members of the Parish Council. Those wishing to re-stand must **return the nomination papers to Sally Sprason at Swindon Borough Council by noon on Wednesday 4th April 2012.**

The Annual Assembly is being held on 14th May 2012. Rory Draper has confirmed

he will attend and provide an update on policing issues over the last 12 months. The Clerk is also going to ask Robert Buckland, Conservative MP for South Swindon to attend.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

ITEM 6 – E-mail to Rory Draper re. the anti-social behaviour in Avenell Road. Clerk also reported to Devizes Police HQ.

ITEM 8 – Best Kept Village Competition 2012 – Applications must be submitted by 27th April 2012. ***The Parish Council agreed at the meeting that they will not be entering this Competition.***

ITEM 11 – Wiltshire Council – On 7th February, Wiltshire Council adopted the South Wiltshire Core Strategy Dev Plan document – Any comments must be submitted between now and 20th March 2012.

ITEM 12 – Parish Review Working Party – Informed Sally Sprason at SBC that Andrew Bennett and Bob Biggs would like to be involved.

ITEM 13 – Pack Hill/Commonhead Cycle extension – SBC have confirmed that this will not be considered within the 2012 Works Programme.

ITEM 14 – Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document – Pre-Submission Document - Consultation between 20th February and 2nd April 2012. Comments can be submitted to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshirecorestrategy

The meeting closed at 21.45.

Date of next meeting is Monday 26th March 2012, 7.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall.