

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 27th June 2011** at Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 20.00.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Craven-Jones (Clerk). Arrived at 20.30.

1 Apologies: Mrs S Daltrey.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Mr D Hayward, Mr C Hayes and Mrs K Pearson declared a personal interest in agenda items 6.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments, if any discussion were to take place relating to the allotments, as they rent an allotment. Mr W J Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item, 8.6 Core Strategy.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th May 2011 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. They were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Margaret Greenwood attended the meeting and made reference to her letter of 6th June 2011 (addressed to Richard Bell, Head of Planning, SBC). As requested by Margaret Greenwood, the letter was distributed to all of the Parish Council. Margaret Greenwood stated that many people in the local area were suffering from the noise caused by the aircraft activity from Redlands. Margaret Greenwood confirmed that it was not a personal campaign against Mr Smith and his family but that she would like him to reconsider the form of diversification that he has taken.

Gary Sumner replied that he was unable to comment on the content of the letter as the matter was now in the hands of the Monitoring Officer at SBC. As there was no planning application for the Parish Council to consider, he had no further comment to make.

Dave Hayward raised the question of the 'Chairs' comments reported in the Swindon Advertiser. Gary Sumner stated that he had only received three emails against Redlands. At this point, he was reminded by Andrew Bennett

not to make any further comments on this matter.

Dave Hayward stated that from his circle of acquaintances their opinion was split 50:50 regarding the aircraft activity at Redlands .

Andrew Bennett asked the 'Chairman' for confirmation that what had been reported in the Swindon Advertiser had not been verbatim? Gary Sumner confirmed it had not; he had given his opinion on his knowledge; like many other enquires he receives from the Press.

Jo Baines also attended the meeting and raised concerns about the Response Form for the Core Strategy, she felt it was very off putting and not user friendly.

Gary Sumner confirmed that it was not necessary to use the form and residents could send a letter or e-mail, and did not need to use the form as SBC will consider every response that is sent in, regardless of whether it is on the form or not.

4. Report from Ward Councillor:

Andrew Bennett confirmed that the Local Boundary Commission will be carrying out a site visit of the Ridgeway Ward between 7th to 21st July 2011.

5. **PLANNING:**

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/11/0707/ROBI - Erection of a two storey side extension and detached garage - Beacon Down House, Ham Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HH. No objections. The Clerk is to request that the materials and design are in keeping with the existing dwelling and other dwellings within the area and that the existing hedge to the left of the house is maintained as the boundary, in accordance with the AONB.

S/11/0640/CLMC - Change of use of the land to enable the siting of a mobile caravan - Double Oak Farm, Lower Wanborough, Wiltshire. There was a majority vote by the Parish Council in favour of the Planning Officer's statement and recommendations suggested in an e-mail on 24th May 2011. The only suggestion was that the application be given temporary planning permission, i.e. 5/10 years.

S/LBC/11/0676/HECO – Installation of 2 no. roof lights to roof – Yew Tree House, High Street, Wanborough, SN4 0AE. No objections.

S/110761/JABU – Erection of a new livestock building and below ground dirty water lagoon – Horpit Farm, Horpit, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AT. No objections.

S/11/0733/CLMC – 2 Rodway, Wanborough, SN4 0TN – Conversion of garage into living accommodation. No objections subject to parking for two cars being available as per plan.

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES:

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

Colin Offer has met with a Planning Officer from SBC and they confirmed that at this stage there were no objections from a planning perspective. It was suggested that parking may need to be looked at, as more spaces may need to be provided once the MUGA is in place. The area where the MUGA has been proposed to be built is not within the AONB, which again is very positive for the Parish Council. The total cost of the MUGA will be somewhere in the region of £400k; 5% of this would need to be funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council were all in favour of a full survey and CAD model being carried out on the proposed land for the MUGA, cost of this will be in the region of £2,600.00.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

The first round of the Allotment judging is on Thursday 30th June, 5.30pm. Gary Sumner and Joe Smith will attend, when Mr Bolton is carrying out the judging. The current tenant has given up Plot D5b, so this will be offered to the next on the waiting list this week.

Joe Smith confirmed that the water trough is being repaired on Wednesday this week. There are some further warning letters that the Clerk will send this week. The next Allotment meeting is on 18th July 2011.

A meeting is going to be arranged in order for the Parish Council and residents to discuss the Village Gateway scheme and the new signage for Callas Hill in further detail. Clerk is waiting to hear from the Project Manager with some suggested dates.

Bill Suter reported that the hedge on the corner of Burycroft/Horpit needs to be fully cut back again. Clerk to report this to SBC. Clerk will also ask Lee to cut it back as much as he can this week.

Chris Hinton sent a letter raising concerns about the sewerage pipe along The Marsh, which floods leaving effluent along the road. Gary Sumner confirmed to Chris Hinton that this would be raised with Thames Water and the Environment Agency when he meets with them on 7th July 2011.

It was also agreed that signage in keeping with the surrounding buildings would be placed on the church wall, detailing the way to the car-park and maximum speed limit. This was following an e-mail from Linda Simpson, who raised concerns about the lack of visibility on entering the car park.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

No update.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Gary Sumner met with Andrew Drury from Wanborough Primary School and Peter Lawson from Turley Associates in order to discuss the proposed development behind Stanley Close. Concerns regarding increased traffic at school drop off and pick up times were raised at the meeting. It was also made clear that if the development were to go ahead, substantial funding would need to be given towards primary education within the village. All of this is being considered by Turley Associates prior to a planning application being submitted.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

No update.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr C Hayes and seconded by Mr B Suter 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 June 2011 be endorsed and the transfers to cover June 2011 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

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

8. OTHERS

8.1 Transport:

Nothing to report.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Nothing to report.

8.3 Governance:

Bob Biggs has drafted some Governance notes which he will have ready for the Allotment meeting on 18th July 2011.

8.4 Grants:

Nothing to report.

8.5 Flooding:

A meeting has been arranged for 7th July 2011, in order to address issues and consider the recommendations detailed in the Flood report. Representatives from Swindon Borough Council will attend as well as Thames Water and the Environment Agency. Gary Sumner, Joe Smith and Bill Suter also confirmed that they will be attending.

8.6 Core Strategy:

Responses have now been submitted to Swindon Borough Council. Gary Sumner and Andrew Bennett are attending a Community Land Trust meeting this Thursday, 30th June 2011.

8.7 Local Government Boundary Commission:

The LGBC has acknowledged receipt of WPC response in respect of the draft recommendation. The Parish Council will be notified of the Commission's proposed final recommendations in the Autumn.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item 16 – Copy of letter sent by Cllr Eric Shaw to the Local Boundary Commission.

Item 17 – Letter from Margaret Greenwood in respect of Redlands Airfield.

Item 18 – E-mail from Kay Lacey in respect of Redlands Airfield.

Item 25 – E-mail sent re. Planning Training for Parish Councillors – Confirm who will attend which date

Item 27 – Property protection against flooding – 33 applicants and unfortunately none of them were successful.

Item 28 – Land at Commonhead – Dave Potter acknowledged receipt of our letter and confirmed that planning permission had been refused.

GEORGE GIBBS SERVICE – 12TH July 2011 - Clerk to confirm with Wanborough Primary School that Bob Biggs will represent the Parish Council and attend the George Gibbs service.

The meeting closed at 21.40.

Date of next meeting is Monday 25th July 2011, 7.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall.