

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **27th June 2016** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr P Warensjo (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr C Hayes, Mr B Biggs, Mr R Whitfield, Mr W J Smith, Mrs D Stalker, Mr G Sumner

In Attendance: Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk)

1. Apologies:
Mr M Simpson
2. Declaration of interest:
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 7.3 as they each rent an allotment.
Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest on the planning application at Redlands as he is the owner.
3. Minutes:
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th May 2016 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record.
4. Annual Assembly
Notes from the Annual Assembly held on 23rd May 2016 were circulated and agreed.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident attended the meeting and read out a statement on her concerns in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan process and procedures.

She stated that it is clear having read all the consultation feedback that there around 70 out of the 99 responses received who objected to the proposed development next to Hewer's Close. However the Neighbourhood Plan Committee have chosen to ignore this and plan to still continue with this proposal. What is the point of consulting with residents if you then just ignore it?

She stated that it is not clear how members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee were chosen, and that she was surprised to see that one of the committee members is a part owner of the site at Hewer's Close. Where are the minutes showing that this member of the committee declared an interest?

Joe Smith confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan is a separate from Parish Council, although there are Parish Councillors on the committee there a no actual "Standing Orders" as the aim of the Neighbourhood Plan is to be Community led and not by Parish Council, although he felt there is now a conflict as Per-Axel is now the chairperson for both Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Clerk confirmed that although it is a separate committee from Parish Council there are still standard regulations that the committee should meet.

Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that at every meeting where policy 13 for the Hewer's Close development was discussed, the committee member in question did not attend the meeting and was not involved in any of the discussions. The resident stated that there is nothing within the minutes to confirm this, so how do they know for sure.

ACTION *It was agreed that Per-Axel Warensjo would provide copies of all the minutes when policy 13 was discussed showing that the committee member in question was not present. Per-Axel also to check that all minutes are available online for residents to view.*

A question was raised as to when the proposed "Open Forum" meeting will be held, as it was previously stated that it was going to be before the end of June however it is already at the end of June.

Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that this has not yet been decided it is up to the subcommittee to agree. Colin Offer confirmed that this meeting will be held when the committee are ready. A resident raised concern about the amount of notice the committee will give to residents for this meeting and requested at least four weeks' notice should be given.

5. Report from Ward Councillor

Gary Sumner confirmed that the owner of Florence House has breached his condition of only allowing more than 6 people to rent a room, therefore SBC Planning Enforcement are now looking at this.

Gary confirmed that a resident had contacted him with concern about the speed of traffic travelling past his house, Gary confirmed that he has spoken to him and understands that he plans to join Community Speedwatch.

Gary confirmed that there are a number of events being held to discuss parishing the remainder of the Borough, he confirmed that Parish boundaries may also change. Clerk confirmed that she had not received any information on this, Gary confirmed that we should receive something soon. The aim is for SBC to make a final decision in November 2016.

Gary confirmed that the new proposed bus service is still currently being costed, the journey time was originally too long so this has had to be reviewed. It seems that Cllr Heenan is pushing for a pilot for the east of Swindon but the aim is to have a nil subsidy for all bus services across the Borough.

6 PLANNING

6.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/OUT/13/1555 (Revised Plans) - Eastern Villages North Eastern Villages - Outline planning application for up to 2,380 dwellings, mixed use local centres/ areas, community uses, sheltered and/or care accommodation, up to two primary schools, green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, play space, sports facilities, sustainable drainage, engineering works and including ground re-modelling, other infrastructure, demolition and the formation of new accesses from the A420, Old Vicarage Lane and Thornhill Road.

Parish Council discussed the revised plans and they agree in principle to the development provided all infrastructure improvements are in place before or as early as possible into the development. This includes the upgrade of White Hart Roundabout linking to the A419 and improvements to Jnt15 of the M4. These key junctions near the NEV are already heavily congested and this is before any development within the NEV, if these improvements are not in place it will result in additional "rat running" through Wanborough and surrounding villages.

(Joe Smith left the room while this planning application was discussed)

S/OUT/16/0021 (Revised Plans) – Outline planning application at Redlands site NEV Parish Council discussed the revised plans and agreed that the original letter of objection still applies and nothing within the revised plans has changed this objection, in addition to the previous letter Parish Council would like to make the following comments:-

- The revised plans still do not show how the development will interact and connect into the Southern Connector Road, this is a key piece of infrastructure and should be shown within the planning application.

- Although there is an arrow indicating a possible link to the rest of the NEV, there is nothing within the application as to how this link will be funded and whether there is any proposal in place for the link road to actually happen.

- The application shows no plans as to how the junction onto Wanborough Road will work. The transport study states that Wanborough Road has capacity to cope with this additional traffic, however the roads leading onto Wanborough Road such as Burycroft, The Marsh and High Street cannot cope with the additional traffic and this should be taken into consideration.

- The revised plans do not show how “rat running” will be prevented through Wanborough village and other surrounding villages.

- The revised road layout within the Redlands doesn't show a main route through the development.

- The site for the proposed school has now been changed, this means the size of the school will need to be restricted to a maximum of single storey with no substantial pitch otherwise it will be visually seen from the AONB.

- The revised plans still show an area allocated as “phase 2” development but there are no numbers included within the application. The application needs to show the accumulative impact of this development especially the impact on infrastructure and the impact on Wanborough village.

- Included within the revised plans there is a “Technical Note” which states that Wanborough Road does not flood. This statement is completely incorrect and this was shown as recently as 11th May 2016 when Wanborough Road flooded in several locations including near the proposed entrance to Redlands, next to Lotmead and at the Horpit/Burycroft crossroads, all of which have been reported to SBC.

- The revised plans still do not provide safe cycling and pedestrian access to Swindon, other parts of the NEV or surrounding villages, making this site completely isolated and resulting in higher usage of car journeys.

S/16/1074 – 7 The Gallops, Foxhill – Erection of an Orangery. Parish Council discussed this application and raise no objection.

S/16/1063 – 18 Church Road – Erection of a two storey side/rear extension and single storey front extension. Parish Council discussed this application and raise no objection.

6.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:
None

6.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.
None

7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

7.1.1 Tessa Lanstein has asked if it would be possible to install a second storage container at Lower Recreation Field, there is a need for additional storage for the May Day Fayre, cones. After a discussion it was agreed to offer the crate at Hooper's Field to store the cones.

7.1.2 Next Hooper's Field meeting is due to be held on 18th July 2016.

7.2 Footpaths and Village Maintenance

- 7.2.1 Committee meeting held on 13th June 2016, minutes circulated to all Councillors
- 7.2.2 Clerk has met and discussed with SBC the additional grass areas that had been missed off the original transfer of services. Quote was gained from Albuild contractor. SBC have agreed to pay the additional sum of money to cover these additional areas.
- 7.2.3 A resident has raised concerns about horses using the footpath along the top of the Lower Rec. After a discussion it was agreed to install signs to help prevent horses using the footpath. **ACTION Clerk**
- 7.2.4 E-mail received from Gary Hewitt (SBC Highways) in relation to the postponed highway resurfacing works on Wanborough Road, High Street and Kite Hill. Parish Council discussed and expressed extreme disappointment that despite previous promises this work is not now being carried out. Gary Sumner stated that Parish Council and residents should continue to report problems with the road surface so hopefully if they keep receiving complaints hopefully money will be allocated and work done.

7.3 Allotments

- 7.3.1 Committee meeting held on 20th June 2016, Bob has circulated minutes. Bob confirmed that there is a problem with the manure heap and felt that it could be a serious health problem, he has asked someone to look at it. It was agreed that it is important that no further deliveries of manure are allowed. **ACTION Allotments committee to fence off around manure heap**

7.4 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 7.3.1 Meeting held on 13th June 2016, Mark Simpson has circulated notes from the meeting.
Playgroup would like to install a canopy along the rear of the Village Hall and has asked if Parish Council will submit the planning application on their behalf. Parish Council agreed. **ACTION Clerk**

7.5 Planning and Finance

- 7.5.1 Annual Return to 31st March 2016. The Internal Audit has not yet been completed, Clerk confirmed that hopefully this will be done by the beginning of July 2016.
- 7.5.2 Ridgeway Liaison meeting has been postponed to 25th July 2016.
- 7.5.3 SBC's 2nd Stakeholder meeting held on 22nd June 2016. Unfortunately no one was able to attend this meeting, Clerk will circulate minutes once she receives them.
- 7.5.4 Stanley Close outstanding drainage work. Janet Busby (SBC Planning Officer) has confirmed that the Planning Department have done as much as they can on this, it is now up to SBC Legal Department to carry out the next stage of legal action. **ACTION Gary Sumner and Clerk to write to SBC Legal department.**

8. **FINANCE**

8.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Colin Offer 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 2016 endorsed and the transfers to cover June 2016 expenditure be approved."

8.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Gary Sumner that the statement be accepted.

9. OTHER

9.1 Transport

- 9.1.1 Gary Sumner and Per-Axel Warensjo met with SBC to discuss Meeting held with SBC on 14th June 2016. Gary Sumner felt that the meeting was very useful and they were able to show SBC all the key areas of concern within the village. Hopefully SBC will take away these concerns and come up with a scheme to prevent “rat running” through the village.
- 9.1.2 Rob Rossiter (SBC Highways NEV) has provided a proposed plan for the junction onto Wanborough Road for the Redlands development. *(This was discussed at the same time as the Redlands planning application when Joe Smith left the room)* Parish Council discussed the proposed plan and raised the following concerns:-
- Firstly Parish Council would like to make it clear that they do not support any proposed junction onto Wanborough Road, Redlands should be within the 3rd phase of the New Eastern Villages (NEV). Keeping Redlands within the 3rd Phase of the NEV will allow all the necessary infrastructure to be in place to allow the development at Redlands to link in with the NEV from the north rather than onto Wanborough Road as per SBC’s Local Plan.
 - The proposed footpath starts on one side of the road and then crosses over to the other further along Wanborough Road, Parish Council feel that this would be extremely dangerous for pedestrians as there will be no official crossing point and cars drive along this section of Wanborough Road extremely fast.
 - This is an extremely long footpath with shrubbery and hedgerow all the way along next to it, Parish Council therefore ask who will maintain this stretch of footpath? The grass and hedgerow will grow over the footpath very quickly making the footpath very narrow and difficult to use unless it is maintained regularly.
 - Parish Council raise concerns as to whether there is actually enough room for a footpath to be installed along some sections of Wanborough Road without the removal of the hedgerow, this will impact on the rural feel and historic character of Wanborough Road.
 - The footpath will be linking into the footpath from Horpit/High Street crossroads, this footpath is extremely narrow less than 50cm’s in places and cannot be used as the main footpath into the village from Redlands, as it clearly would not be safe.
 - Parish Council will not support any street lights along Wanborough Road as this will impact of the rural feel and character of Wanborough.
 - Parish Council are concerned that the junction designed in the way that it has will result in “rat running” through the village. Parish Council therefore request that there should be a “NO LEFT TURN” as you exit Redlands onto Wanborough Road towards Wanborough. If this is not done then all the traffic will head towards Wanborough, especially as this will be the quickest way to get the Jnt15 of the M4 or A419.
 - Along Wanborough Road there are several equestrian entrances that have not been shown on the map.
 - Parish Council are concerned that the proposed traffic calming measures along a section of Wanborough Road will result in cars racing around the calming measures to try and get through before another car comes. This has been shown as the traffic calming next to Jubilee cottages and therefore is not necessarily the right measure that will slow traffic down.

Parish Council feel that SBC should look at the infrastructure for the NEV as a whole and not piecemeal. For example the proposed options for the White Hart roundabout there is nothing yet to show how the traffic heading from Covingham direction (which could include Redlands traffic) will access the A419 at this junction. This will have an impact on any proposed junction on Wanborough Road as if traffic cannot access the A419 at this point or it is extremely difficult for them to do so then all traffic will head through Wanborough instead to join the A419.

9.2 Grants

9.2.1 No applications received.

9.3 Flood Management

9.3.1 Parish Council met with SBC on 22nd June 2016 to discuss the flood mitigation work that had recently been completed within the village. Per-Axel confirmed that the work carried out was purely to repair and maintain the original drainage system to ensure that it works more effectively.

Joe Smith confirmed that SBC had stated that the contractors managed to complete 80% of the planned flood mitigation work. The reason for this was due to the fact when the contractors carried out further investigation it was found that some of the drains worked fine so there wasn't a need to replace, plus there was a problem with the main gas utility resulting in some work having to be re-planned

Action points from this meeting were:-

- SBC will review the new drainage cover installed near Jubilee Cottages
- Joe Smith to show SBC the ditches along Wanborough Road to see if this can be improved
- SBC and Parish Council to arrange a meeting with Woodland Trust to discuss any possibility of water attenuation within their land, also to discuss clearing some more ditches that could hold water back from Burycroft
- Green Lane – SBC to see if it is possible to install dams along the ditch, but this is subject to what extent the developer of Duckbridge clears the ditch
- Once all the above is looked at another Flood Management Meeting to be organised to review further.

9.4 Neighbourhood Plan

9.4.1 Committee meeting held on 17th June 2016.

A resident felt that the minutes on the web site are very vague and did not make it clear how the committee decided to move forward with policy 13. Clerk confirmed that in order to be transparent the minutes need to be clear. Gary Sumner stated that all the minutes had been agreed by the committee.

Joe Smith felt that now that Per-Axel is chairperson for Parish Council he didn't feel it appropriate for him to also be the chairperson of the Neighbourhood Plan committee.

Colin Offer felt that this was a matter for the committee to decide. ***ACTION At the next Neighbourhood Plan Committee a question to be raised about whether Per-Axel should continue as chairperson.***

9. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 16th May 2016 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Date of next meeting Monday 25th July 2016