

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 28th February 2011** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19:30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer, Mr A Bennett, , Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Mr W J Smith, Mr W Suter, Mr R Whitfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Rory Draper, Mr Phil Malyon

1 Apologies: Mr B Biggs, Mrs H Craven-Jones (Clerk)

2 Declaration of interest:

Mr C Hayes and Mr D Hayward 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, 8.7 Core Strategy. Andrew Bennett declared a personal interest in Knowle House, Ham Road.

3 Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th January, 2010 had already been circulated to all Parish Councillors and were approved.

Rory Draper, our Community Police Officer, confirmed that reported crime has been very low. He was pleased with the work which has been on going to advise the public which has assisted in preventing further issues, particularly with regard to vehicle crime, which was often caused by vehicles being left insecure, or items being left displayed within the vehicle. All crime should be reported on the 0845 number or online, as this ensures that all issues are dealt with by the crime desk. The eight special constables in the traffic unit on 5th February conducted a vehicle check operation on Wanborough High Street. Between the hours of 11am and 12am, 226 vehicles passed through - of those 8 drivers were cautioned due to travelling at 30-35mph, 2 drivers were given fixed penalty notices for non-speed related incidents and 1 vehicle was removed from the road for having no insurance. No speeding fines were issued and speed on the High Street was not as high as being generally perceived. We were also advised that similar schemes are running in nearby villages.

Rory was asked if a solution could be sought to improve traffic management along the Wanborough Road (Populars nursery), and if he could give a traffic related report for incidents or surveys in this area.

***Rory will be available for consultation in the village at the following times:
Primary school - 2.45 p.m. on 7th March
Village Hall - 6.00 p.m. on 15th March***

Village Hall - 4.45p.m. on 26th March

Phil Malyon introduced himself as Co-ordinator for our area for the new census, which will take place on 27th March (these are carried out every 10 years). The survey is used for a head count of the population and the current trends and diversity of the population in a particular area. No house visits will take place without first booking an appointment. The census can be completed online and a team will visit homes (from 6th April) for those people who have failed to complete the form. The full form will be visible to the public in 100 years time, although some details will be available much sooner.

4 Report from Ward Councillor:

Andrew Bennett advised us that our local Swindon transport questionnaire comments were still outstanding and these should be sent to the Borough as soon as possible. The plan was still ongoing and other opportunities should arise for other future comments.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications Received:

S/11/0113/ROBI - Erection of a porch, new entrance gates, conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation, 6 no. dormer windows with roof lights and associated works - Parsonage Farm, Ham Road, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0DF - It was noted that sympathetic materials should be used; in keeping with the existing building and conservation area.

S/11/0185/ROBI - Erection of a single storey side extension – Myrtle Villa, 56 Church Road, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0BZ - It was noted that sympathetic materials should be used; in keeping with the existing building and conservation area.

S/11/0051/ROBI – Erection of detached office with living accommodation above and new access from road – Ridge Way Stables, King Edwards Place, Ermine Way, Foxhill, Swindon - Buildings should be restricted to agricultural/equestrian use, with no later change to residential use.

S/LBC/11 /0266/KIWA - Conversion and extension of detached garage to form 1 no. dwelling with detached garage – Knowle House, 1 Ham Road, Wanborough, SN4 0DF. Wanborough Parish Council made the following comments in respect of this application.

The Parish Council strongly object to this back land development.

The site is in countryside and not within the housing boundary; it is very much within

the Conservation Area.

This application is wrong for both the site and size of the dwelling proposed and their position within that site. It is inappropriate back land development.

The overall application was not felt to be of a good standard or one likely to improve the village or its housing mix. It is substantially new build – the footprint of the existing garage on the site is one third of the size of the proposed dwelling.

The Parish has commissioned a Surface Flood Risk Analysis of the village which has now been completed and strongly identifies flooding in Lower Wanborough as a result of inappropriate development in Upper Wanborough over many years, allowed by the Borough which has failed to take into account adequate means of dispersing rainwater to the wider area and in each case exacerbates flooding to homes below.

The access to the site is near a busy junction and a dangerous section of road. The long drive is narrow with insufficient turning opportunity for both the existing and new dwelling.

There is a privacy impact and traffic implications for patients using the adjacent doctor's surgery.

S/11/0207/CLMC - Change of use of the land to enable the siting of a static caravan – Double Oak Farm, Lower Wanborough - Wanborough Parish Council do object to this application as there is no agricultural or equestrian permission.

There is not a viable business and we do not feel that all small parcels of land used for equestrian purposes require a caravan.

The applicants would spend less making additional security measures such as a gate to the access.

The site is similar to many and would set a bad precedent for caravans and mobile homes on each of them.

We support viable agricultural and equestrian business uses but this is a very small paddock already sectioned into smaller paddocks and does not fall into this category.

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

Colin Offer met with representatives from the Woodland Trust to discuss the possibility of purchasing land to site a MUGA and the following points were agreed.

It was agreed that a new cycle path was no longer needed as the existing cycle path on Green Lane to the west of the footpath is sufficient. It was agreed that the Woodland Trust would retain the entrance gate and immediate area (albeit as part of the footpath upgrade), so the proposed sale area would effectively constitute a long strip (plus the MUGA insert) running parallel to the existing eastern WT boundary. It was proposed that the strip of land to be purchased from WT should reflect a 6m width from the edge of the rough woodland grass line. This equates to the loss of approximately 100 trees; this is still subject to costing and agreements. We note that drains or water pipe services appear to be located in the proposed purchase strip, as well as the new fence and the bowling green hedge. We note that football

activity, including the edge of playing fields, already appears to be situated on land owned by the WT.

A revised plan to be submitted – to an accurate measurable scale – incorporating the above, and showing the new proposed PC boundary in relation to the existing boundary. This will enable a measure of the total area required by the PC, and thus calculate a proposed capital sum. The majority of the land to be used is poor quality agricultural land and the drainage in this area will need attention. Andrew Bennett suggested we apply to Wiltshire Football charity as well as other funding bodies and the Council believes there are substantial funds now available for this type of project.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

A new allotment site could provide 30 full size plots and is currently being offered to us on a 20 year lease. The parish newsletter is asking residents for their feedback on any opinions for or against this principle. The village Clean up will take place on Saturday 2nd April meeting at Hooper's field at 9.30am.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

Nothing to report.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Nothing to report.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

Nothing to report.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Roger Whitfield 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 2011 be endorsed and the transfers to cover February 2011 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Roger Whitfield that the Statement be accepted.

8. OTHERS

8.1 Transport:

Bob Biggs to be asked to comment on the transport plan. The new bus stop is progressing and the new location is being considered by the Borough.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Nothing to report.

8.3 Governance:

Andrew Bennett was asked to provide a simple set of guidelines for committees to comply with including terms of reference. Some suggestions were put forward by Andrew Philipson and a set of standing orders by WALC is currently being agreed upon and these will also assist in this process.

8.4 Grants:

A grant for £100.00 was approved for Swindon group diabetes UK in support of a local project with 'Swindon Primary Care Trust'.

8.5 VAS:

The VAS has been ordered with 'Swindon Borough Council' and we are awaiting the completed installation.

8.6 Flooding:

Carl Collins has now been paid for the flood report.

8.7 Core Strategy:

Public meeting to discuss this issue with Richard Bell from Swindon Borough Council on the 4th April. The meeting is an opportunity to assess the reaction from the people of Wanborough and we will then move forward based upon this assessment.

8.8 Local Boundary Commission:

Nothing to report.

8.9 Village Flag:

Waiting for the parish plan committee to offer suggestions.

8.10 Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

The vacancies are to be advertised in the Parish Council Newsletter. All applicants must have worked or lived in the area for one year.

8.11 Newsletter:

The newsletter articles have now been issued for distribution, Andrew Bennett asked if the new councillors could have part of his list for delivering in the future.

8.12 Annual Assembly:

The Annual Assembly will take place on Monday 9th May in the Village Hall, and asked to attend will be our MP Robert Buckland , Rory Draper - Community Police Officer, Richard Fisher - Waste Management . Further discussions on potential speakers to be discussed at a later date.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from the Borough – Re.dog waste being placed in normal rubbish bins; SBC are assessing the current arrangements in respect of dog waste.

CD on planning guidance – Summary of current planning guidance

Letter from SBC regarding street trading.

The meeting closed at 22.00.

Date of next meeting is Monday 28th March 2011.