

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **Monday 6th September 2010** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19:30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr B Biggs, Mr D Hayward, Mrs K Pearson, Dr A Phillipson, Mr W J Smith, Mr R Whitfield.

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

1 Apologies: Mr A Bennett, Mr C Hayes, Mr W Suter.

2 Declaration of interest:

Mrs K Pearson, Mr D Hayward & Dr A Phillipson 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 R Whitfield declared a personal interest in item 8.6, Eastern Development Area, as he is a member of the East of Swindon Communities Group.

Mr G Sumner declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.6, Eastern Development Area, as he is a Western Vale Villages (WVV) Steering Group committee member, Wanborough Action Group Chairman and Chairman of the East of Swindon Communities Group. Dr A Phillipson declared a personal interest in item 8.6, Eastern Development Area, as he is a member of the East of Swindon Communities Group.

3 Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th July 2010 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Neil Burchall from South Marston Parish Council to talk to Wanborough Parish Council about the proposed wind turbine development at the Honda site in Swindon.

Honda have applied to build 3 wind turbines and Stratton Parish Council are concerned about the application due to the proximity of the turbines to the dwellings,

the noise they will generate, the visual aspects, the ground vibration and the devaluation of house prices. Neil Burchall stressed that Stratton Parish Council are in favour of alternative energy and green technology, but that the wind turbines must be located in the right place. The proposed turbines would completely dominate the local area and would be viewed from the top of the hill in Wanborough. He advised Wanborough Parish Council to be mindful of this as the area may possibly be considered for the development of future turbines. In view of their objections, a website has been set up, they have held a public meeting and raised a petition. They are also flying a balloon on Monday 13th September, which will be at the same height as the proposed wind turbines, the viewing point will be at South Marston Recreation Ground.

The meeting was adjourned for public questions:

Some residents from Wanborough attended the meeting in respect of the car parking along Magdalen Road in Wanborough. One resident stated that he has had several near misses due to the volume of cars parked on either side of Magdalen Road. Another resident felt that this is even more of an issue when school finishes each day due to the number of cars that drive around Avenell Road and onto Magdalen Road.

It was acknowledged that there are issues throughout the village with car-parking, particularly on Callas Hill and at the Doctor's surgery. Concerns have been raised with the police, however, there are no double yellow lines and no legal restrictions so it is difficult to do anything further. The Clerk has been asked to send a letter to Swindon Borough Council, Highways Department highlighting the concerns raised at the meeting. The Clerk has also been asked to speak to the school and ask them to put a note in the newsletter about dropping off and picking up children and maintaining speed levels.

A resident attended the meeting in respect of the development on the former Bell's garage site, and asked if Swindon Borough Council had responded to the concerns raised by residents at the Parish Council meeting in July.

Gary Sumner confirmed that Dave Bristow, Senior Enforcement Officer was in receipt of our letter and although on annual leave at the moment, we should have a reply from him by the next meeting on 27th September 2010.

A resident asked when the Flood Management Report is likely to be completed.

Gary Sumner stated that he should have a draft report by the end of the month, and

that he will e-mail the report to the residents in Kimbers Field.

4 Report from Ward Councillor:

Nothing to report.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications Received:

S/10/1334/NIRO – Kings Lane Farm, Kite Hill, Wanborough, SN4 0AW – Erection of a barn and stable block. Clerk to request to Swindon Borough Council that the land is reverted back to agricultural land when it is no longer required.

S/10/1183/CLMC – 5 Callas Rise, Wanborough, SN4 0AQ – Erection of a two storey front extension. No objections, as long as the roof height is not increased - it is not clear from the drawings if the roof height is to be increased.

S/10/1125/CLMC – Tyrone House, High Street, Wanborough, SN4 0AE – Erection of a conservatory. No objections.

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

None.

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the Refusal received:

None.

5.4 To notify the Schedule to the Permission received under Appeal:

None.

5.5 Planning Applications to be decided under Appeal:

None.

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

A new Cricket Club have requested to use the pitch at Hooper's Field for midweek games during the summer of 2011. This is to be raised at the Hooper's Field Management Committee meeting on 20th September. The Clerk has obtained a quote for the installation of a new clock face on the south east elevation at Hooper's Field which is almost £1,000.00. It has been agreed to hold on this until early next year. The Clerk has been asked to arrange a further meeting with the Area Manager of the Woodland Trust regarding the possibility of a multi use sports pitch at Hooper's Field. Ray Pethick has prepared some plans and these will be discussed in further detail at that meeting. One of the swings at Church Meadow is broken, the Clerk is to order the part so that the Lengthsman can fix this. Also the swing seats are very worn, so the Clerk has been asked to obtain prices for new ones. The pitch at Hooper's Field needs spiking and treating with weed killer. Clerk is to obtain

some opinions from Swindon Borough Council in respect of this. The last house on the right hand side at the Lynch Field has a very overgrown hedge. The Clerk is to speak to the Village Lengthsman about cutting this back.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:

Parish Council unanimously agreed to have a tree inspection carried out at the Lower Rec. and Church Meadow. It was strongly felt by the Parish Council that these areas need to be assessed by a specialist. The survey will be carried out by Swindon Borough Council and will include collecting species data, GIS plotting, site plan, a written report with prioritised recommendations for H & S and advice on tree specific future inspection regimes. The first step is for the Lengthsman to remove ivy from any trees that have it. This will enable Swindon Borough Council to ascertain if the trees are diseased or not. The Clerk will then arrange for the full survey to be carried out.

Bob Biggs is to speak to James Gerrard at Swindon Borough Council about the tree at the bottom of the Beanlands Hill being moved as this hill is used for sledging in the winter and if the tree stays in the same place it could be very dangerous when people are sledging down the hill.

A resident in Divinity Close has raised concerns about a tree which is very overgrown and blocking light in their back garden. It was confirmed that the tree is actually on the grassland next to the School and this land is owned by Swindon Borough Council. Therefore, the Clerk will ask the resident to contact Swindon Borough Council about this matter.

Following the anti-social behaviour at the Church car-park, the residents have offered to build, erect and pay for a gated entrance. The Parish Council did not have any objections to the fitting of the gate. Although there were some concerns raised regarding access to the Church car park, as it was felt that the entrance area would be more narrow due to the garage that is currently being built. The Parish Council have asked Paul Lewis to supply a drawing of exactly where the gate is to be erected. Bob Biggs will then meet with him to discuss the matter in further detail. The Clerk was asked to speak to Colin Hayes about the flower planters for the entrances to the village and confirm when they will be planted.

The Clerk was asked to make a note about the condition of the path from the Church car park to Church Meadow. It is in poor condition and will be included in the next Village maintenance programme in November 2010.

Bob Biggs is awaiting plans from Swindon Borough Council regarding additional land for allotments. As soon as he is able to, Bob will confirm to the Parish Council

the number of plots, plot sizes and expected costs involved. The next Allotment meeting is on 11th October 2010.

The hedges along the right hand side of the Marsh are overgrown; Bob Biggs will raise this with Swindon Borough Council.

A resident has objected to the use of agricultural land for moto-cross activity in the field between the A419 and The Marsh. The matter is now being dealt with by the Enforcements Team at Swindon Borough Council. The Clerk will also speak to Andrew Bennett about this in order for him to also query the use. There is still a caravan as well as two containers in the field opposite the Black Horse. The Clerk has been asked to raise this with the Enforcements Team.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

A number of matters have been raised by the Charity Commissioners following the request by Wanborough Parish Council for an extension to the present leasehold term on the Village Hall. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the freehold on the Village Hall and the Clerk has been asked to obtain an indication of this cost from the Bristol Diocese.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Awaiting a reply to the letter sent to the Enforcements Team regarding the former Bells garage site, High Street, Wanborough.

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 Roger Whitfield 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 August 2010 be endorsed and the transfers to cover August 2010 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement:

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Offer and seconded by Dr A Phillipson that the Statement be accepted.

8. OTHERS

8.1 Transport:

Following the bus service between Swindon and Wanborough being reduced in frequency, Bob Biggs is going to obtain some feedback from residents as to what route they would like as there may be an option to change the route. Bob will then present the case to Thamesdown Transport.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Nothing to report.

8.3 Neighbourhood Tasking Group:

Nothing to report.

8.4 Grants:

Nothing to report.

8.5. Parish Plan:

Nothing to report.

8.6 Eastern Development Area:

Remove this item from the next agenda and replace with Flooding.

8.7 Governance:

Governance notes circulated to Bob Biggs and Roger Whitfield.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mail from Planning Enforcement – A new referral form has been devised which must now be used when making any complaint or enquiry to Planning Enforcement.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

Date of next meeting is Monday 27th September 2010.