

# WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Per-Axel Warensjo, Colin Offer, Colin Hayes, Roger Whitfield, Bob Biggs, Dave Hayward, Donna Stalker, Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of public

1 Apologies: Mark Simpson, Gary Sumner and Joe Smith

2 Declaration of interest: None

### THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One resident made a comment in relation to the recent article in the Swindon Advertiser.

No other questions raised.

3. Redlands Application, and proposed access onto Wanborough Road

Per-Axel Warensjo outlined all the e-mails that had been received from residents, plus from councillors Mark Simpson and Dave Hayward, and the feedback from the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that he has produced a draft document which summarises feedback from residents and confirmed that he would like to go through it to gain everybody's view

Colin Hayes felt that the draft document that has just been received from SBC on the NEV Green Infrastructure Strategy includes matters that need to be taken into consideration. The main point being that Wanborough Road is within the area of non-coalescence and therefore there should be no access onto Wanborough Road for Redlands.

Per-Axel Warensjo stated that this document is not due to be discussed at this meeting and it will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. He felt that, as the Redlands planning application is due to be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting, the Parish Council need to reply to SBC on the proposed access before then.

Parish Council discussed the proposed access onto Wanborough Road from the proposed Redlands development, and the proposed changes along Wanborough Road. After a discussion the following items were agreed and voted on:-

1. Footpath and cycle path along the edge of Wanborough Road – the proposed plan shows a 2m path, however Per-Axel Warensjo stated from guidance he has read it would be better for the path to be 2½m wide. Parish Council unanimously agreed to request a 2 ½ m path.
2. Where the footpath crosses over Wanborough Road, just past Wanborough House, Parish Council unanimously agreed that there should be a raised cushion on the road to highlight the crossing.
3. The proposed junction – a discussion took place as to whether there should be a “no left turn” for construction traffic and also whether this should also apply for residents who move into the Redlands development. After a discussion two motions were put forward:
  - a. No left turn out of Redlands development for construction traffic only.
  - b. No left turn out of Redlands development for construction traffic, plus a review after 100 homes are occupied as to whether this should become a permanent measure.Parish Council voted on option b: 4 Councillors voted against, 3 in favour. Parish Council therefore agreed to option a, “no left turn” for construction traffic only.
4. The proposed traffic calming along Wanborough Road from Redlands junction to Horpit/Burycroft crossroads – after a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to support these measures.
5. Wanborough Road crossroads at Horpit/Burycroft – discussion took place whether to change the priority at this crossroads. After a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to keep the priority the same. Discussion took place whether there should be a raised cushion in the road at this crossroads to slow traffic down at this junction. After a discussion Parish Council voted 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstained. Parish Council agreed to support a raised cushion at this junction.

Other comments agreed to be made to SBC were in relation to the fact that no consideration has been given to the number of horse riders who use Wanborough Road and for confirmation to be obtained as to who will be responsible for the maintenance of the hedges and the shrubbery along Wanborough Road to ensure the new footpath does not become overgrown.

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## 4. SBC's Highways Report

### 1. Burycroft & The Marsh

A discussion took place as to whether this road should become a "no through road except for access". After a discussion Parish Council voted 5 in favour and 2 objected, so Parish Council therefore agreed to this measure.

Parish Council discussed whether traffic lights should be implemented on the 2 sets of sharp bends along The Marsh. After a discussion Parish Council voted 5 in favour and 2 abstained for this measure to be implemented.

### 2. Callas Rise

Parish Council discussed possible traffic calming measures for Callas Hill. It has been confirmed that there is a considerable problem with cars speeding down Callas Hill, supported by evidence from Community Speedwatch. After a discussion Parish Council raised no support for staggered parking or chicanes on this section of the road. It was unanimously agreed to implement more warning signs and rumble strips.

### 3. High Street

Parish Council discussed the possibility of staggered parking along the High Street to make the road less straight. After a discussion Parish Council agreed that cars already park along the High Street and this should be left as it is.

Parish Council discussed the mini roundabout at the Rotten Row / High Street junction. It was agreed that cars coming from Rotten Row direction find it difficult to see at the junction and cars driving from the High Street direction drive too fast straight across the roundabout. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that the roundabout should be removed and stop signs on the High Street should be implemented in both directions giving priority to traffic from Rotten Row.

Parish Council also agreed to widen the footpath along the side of the High Street on the approach to this junction.

### 4. Rotten Row

Parish Council discussed the installation of a raised cushion at the Hooper's Field entrance to slow traffic down and to help pedestrians cross over into Hooper's Field. Parish Council unanimously agreed

### 5. Kite Hill

Parish Council discussed the two narrow sections of road at the top of Kite Hill. After a discussion it was agreed to implement a "priority to traffic going uphill". It was also agreed that Parish Council will discuss with Swindon Borough Council as to the best option as to how this could be implemented.

### 6. Pack Hill

Parish Council discussed the problem with the narrow section of road at the top of Pack Hill, where the sharp bend means that traffic cannot be seen coming the other way. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to install traffic lights at this section of road.

Parish Council discussed the speed of traffic along the bottom section of Pack Hill and unanimously agreed that a new speed limit of 40mph should be implemented, from Commonhead Roadabout up to the 30mph speed limit into Wanborough.

### 7. Foxhill

Parish Council discussed the crossroads at Foxhill and unanimously agreed that the speed limit should be reduced to 30mph on the approach to this junction.

As Ridgeway walkers use the grass verges, along a very fast road, after a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to implement new footpaths along the A4192 to improve safety for pedestrians.

Bob Biggs asked how all these new measures were going to be paid for. Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that there will be \$106 million available from the New Eastern Villages (NEV) developments that can be used to implement these suggestions made to SBC. As part of the NEV, "rat running" mitigation measures need to be implemented within Wanborough and surrounding villages.

Per-Axel Warensjo also stated that SBC have to carry out a Road Safety Audit Stage 1 & 2 showing the traffic impact that the NEV will have on Wanborough Parish.

With no further business Per-Axel Warensjo declared the meeting closed 9.15pm.