

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on 7th September 2015 in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr A Bennett (left the meeting at 20.25), Mr C Hayes, Mr P Warensjo, Mr B Biggs, Mr R Whitfield and Mr W J Smith

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 4 members of Public.

- 1 Apologies: Mrs D Stalker
- 2 Declaration of interest:
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they each rent an allotment.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2015 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident reported that there had been a number of thefts in the village and wondered why Parish Council hasn't made residents aware of the problem. Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council were not aware of such thefts; the resident was surprised that Parish Council had not been aware of the problems and confirmed that on 11th August 14 saddle stones were taken from her property. It was agreed that the communication received from the local police is not as good as it used to be. Andrew Bennett to raise this issue with the Police Commissioner.

A resident stated that she was surprised to find out recently that a new Pump Station is to be located right next to her property (and she provided detailed plans that were circulated to all Councillors at the meeting). Thames Water confirmed that Parish Council had already been informed of this proposal yet this information had not been passed on to the residents affected. Gary Sumner confirmed that two Councillors attended a consultation meeting in June 2015 to discuss the upgrade of the Thames Water pipeline but detailed the plans that she had provided to Parish Council at the meeting were not given. After a discussion it was agreed to ask Thames Water to attend the next Parish Council meeting. ACTION Clerk

4. Report from Ward Councillor
Nothing to report

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:
S/15/1191 – 22 Ham Road – Utility room extension and loft room conversion with dormer construction. Parish Council raised no objection.
S/15/1317 – 6 Mayfield – Construction of loft conversion and roof lights. Parish Council raised no objection.
S/15/1341 – Wheelwrights, Kite Hill – Proposed two storey, first floor rear extension. Parish Council raised no objection.
S/15/1220 – Field Rise, Ham Road – Erection of field shelter for lambing and associated storage. Parish Council raised no objection.
S/15/1339 - Downs Edge Ham Road - Erection of 1no. replacement dwelling. Parish Council raised no objection.

- 5.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:
 S/Prior/15/1107 – Marsh Farm. The Marsh – Prior approval notification for the change of use of a steel framed agricultural building to residential dwelling (C3).
 S/15/1014 – The Old School House, Church Road – Erection of a single storey side extension.
 S/15/1012 – Kite Hill Farmhouse, 7 Jenner Close – Erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable space and associated works.
 S/15/0976 – The Lodge, Horpit – Erection of a barn for use as part of equestrian business.
 S/15/1110 – 3 Stanley Close – Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable space.

- 5.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.
 None

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1.1 Play Area Inspection report for Lower Recreation Field and Church Meadow has been received, main areas of concern include:-
- The safety surface under swings – quotes gained,
 - The green safety surface has areas that children can trip on – Lee Wells is going to try and cut out these areas and try and patch to see if this works first,
 - Adventure play area – Lee Wells has now removed most of this equipment. Clerk has gained quotes for new equipment.
 - Football nets need replacing – Lee Wells has taken them down and Clerk has ordered new ones.
 - Basketball backboard – replaced.
 - New parts needed for swings at Lower Rec – Lee Wells will order and replace.
 - Other minor issues that Lee will deal with.
- 6.1.2 Safety surface under swings at Lower Rec. Mant Leisure have quoted £2,017 to supply wet pour overlay for under the swings. Clerk is still waiting for one further quote when this is received she will circulate to all Councillors.
- 6.1.3 New seats at the Lower Recreation Field have now been installed.
- 6.1.4 An accident has occurred while a child was playing at the play area in Lower Recreation Field; an accident report has been completed. Lee Wells closed the area off and has now removed most of the play equipment apart from one from the bark area. Clerk has gained quotes for replacement equipment, however Parish Council discussed whether they should look at the whole play area and see how it can be improved.
- 6.1.5 Colin Offer updated Parish Council confirming that one of the aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan is to make Hooper's Field a community hub.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Swindon Borough Council have confirmed that they are responsible for the broken gate at the end of Green Lane and the delivery of the scalplings. A meeting is due to be organised between the Rights of Way Officer, developer at Ducksbridge and Parish Council to confirm the proposed work on Green Lane. Bob Biggs confirmed that he would like to attend this meeting. Clerk confirmed that improvements on Green Lane are not included within the S106 agreement for Ducksbridge.
- 6.2.2 Annual Allotments meeting due to be held on Monday 14th September 2015.
- 6.2.3 Streetsmart have confirmed they will replace the sign at the end of The Beanlands, They have also confirmed that they do not feel that shrubbery at Callas Hill junction to be a hazard but will continue to monitor. After a discussion it was agreed to send

Swindon Borough Council a photograph of Callas Hill junction to show the hazard.
ACTION Bob Biggs

- 6.2.4 It was reported that there is fly-tipping at the gas pumping station. ACTION Clerk to report to SBC

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

It was confirmed that the Village Hall AGM is due to be held on Tuesday 8th September 2015. Roger Whitfield agreed to attend this meeting.

6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 Came & Company insurance renewal due 1st October 2015 at a cost of £2,388.35. The Council is in a long term agreement with the insurance company that expires on 30th September 2016, however if the council agree to extend the contract by a further 2 years to 30th September 2018 then they will agree to decrease this year's premium by 5%. Parish Council unanimously agreed to extend their agreement until 30th September 2018.
- 6.4.2 Swindon Borough Council's has submitted the following document for consultation - Swindon Residential Design Guide SPD. The consultation period ends on 21st October 2015. Document to be circulated and discussed at next meeting.
- 6.4.3 Waldon Telecom Ltd have sent details of their proposed superfast broadband; these proposals include a new mast at The Hollow.
- 6.4.4 Stanley Close Development. The inspection of the bund has now been carried out. Gary Sumner confirmed that the inspection was done by a professional consultant who confirmed there is no problem with the stability of the bund. The fence along the footpath next to Springlines has now been removed and a post and rail fence has been left. The proposed plans for a rear wall and fence has been agreed by SBC and work has commenced on this. Deed of Grant – an e-mail has been sent to Taylor Wimpey confirming that until the ownership and future maintenance of the ditch along Springlines Meadow has been agreed then Parish Council are minded not to sign the Deed of Grant.
- 6.4.5 Janet Busby (SBC) has confirmed that for the S106 agreement for the Stanley Close development for footpath improvements, Taylor Wimpey have agreed the sum of £103,400 which will be paid to SBC who will then arrange the improvements to the footpaths based on the application. These include upgrade to footpath from Rotten Row to Magdalen Road and footpath along Church Road from Stacey's Lane. Andrew Bennett agreed to contact SBC and ask how Parish Council can get involved in the footpath improvement plans to ensure this money is used in the best way for the village.
- 6.4.6 Swindon's Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances met on 12th June 2015 and agreed that the Parish Councillor Allowance for Wanborough Parish Council should be £200 for Councillors and £500 for the Chair of Parish Council. It is up to the Parish Council to choose whether or not to pay allowances. Parish Council have previously agreed to pay allowances, however it now seems that Parish Council have paid more than that recommended. It was agreed that the Clerk would check previous records to see how the allowances were agreed.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Per-Axel Warensjo 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 2015 endorsed and the transfers to cover August 2015 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Per-Axel Warensjo and seconded by Colin Hayes that the statement be accepted.

8. OTHER

8.1 Transport

8.1.1 Public Notice for road closures on Kite Hill, Rotten Row and High Street for the flood mitigation work, however the notice covers a period to the end of March 2016 so as yet no exact date as to when the roads will actually be closed

8.2 Grants

8.2 Letter of thanks from Ridgeway Link, Wanborough Village Hall and Lyden Magazine for their grants.

8.3 Flooding

8.3.1 E-mail from Jo Baines confirming that there is flooding on the road at the bottom of Pack Hill, The Marsh and Burycroft. Grips at the bottom of Pack Hill have since been cleared.

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan

Per-Axel Warensjo confirmed that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is currently being reviewed and edited. He confirmed that the aim is to get the first draft out for consultation before the end of the year.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 20th July 2015 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 22.10

Date of next meeting Monday 28th September 2015