

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23rd November 2009** in Hooper's Field Pavilion, Rotten Row, Wanborough, at 19:30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr A Bennett, Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Mr C Offer, Mrs K Pearson, Dr A Phillipson, Mr W J Smith, Mr R Whitfield and two members of the Public.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Pearson.

1 Apologies: Mr W Suter & Mr R Biggs. The Clerk's apologies were passed to the meeting for her absence.

2 Declaration of interest: Mr D Hayward, Dr A Phillipson, Mr C Hayes and Mrs K Pearson declared personal interests in agenda item 6.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments, if any discussion were to take place relating to the allotments, as they rent allotments.

Mr R Whitfield declared a personal interest in agenda 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 a member of the East of Swindon Communities Group. Dr A Phillipson declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.6, Eastern Development Area, as he is a member of the East of Swindon Communities Group. Mr J Smith declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8.6, Eastern Development Area.

3 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th October 2009 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The meeting was adjourned for Public questions.

Public question: Mr Ray Pethick spoke as a member of the public to provide information to the Council on the difference between the planning application to be considered later (S/09/1501/ROBI - Glenville And Land At Cherry Tree House, Rotten Row, SN4 0AN) and his earlier approved planning application. He showed a map and drawings.

4 Report from Ward Councillor:

Mr A Bennett spoke about the North Wessex Downs and the AONB report was shown for interest.

22 Ham Road are appealing.

North Cluster meeting, a roadshow is being planned showing services and provisions, planned to be held at Wanborough Primary School in late January 2010.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications Received:

S/09/1894/KIWA - 2 Southdown - Erection of 1 no. front and 1 no. rear Dormer Window, no objections were raised to this planning application.

S/09/1944/KIWA - The Lodge, Horpit, SN4 0AT - Erection of a detached dwelling with adjoining annex and double garage, the Parish Council wished to comment that this property is outside the housing boundary, and objected due to current agricultural use, size of dwelling and location, temporary permission was only granted for existing mobile home on grounds of security for premises and animals. The site is located in an area which has flooded in recent years – soakaway for drainage would not be acceptable in adding to local flooding issues. There is a public footpath within the site boundary.

S/09/1501/ROBI - Glenville And Land At Cherry Tree House, Rotten Row, SN4 0AN - Erection of two storey and single storey extension to Glenville and erection of 3 no. dwellings, carport and associated works, the Parish Council raised no objections but wished to comment that flooding measures need to be considered to reduce any additional run-off, request section 106 funding for Parish requirements, request elevations in keeping with conservation area.

S/09/1774/RM - Lotmead Farmhouse, Lotmead Farm, Stratton Road, SN4 0SN - Erection of a single storey extension, no objections.

S/09/1757 – Fulwood House, Ham Road, SN4 0HH – changes to planning approval S/08/0456, no objections.

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

S/09/1457/ROBI - Beacon Down House, Ham Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HH - change of use from existing agricultural land to equine use, including the erection of a stable;

S/09/1619/RM – 23 and 25 Church Road, SN4 0BZ – erection of single storey side/rear extensions and erection of new boundary wall.

5.3 To notify Conservation Area Consent received:

None.

5.4 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received:

None.

5.5 Planning Inspectorate Appeal:

Inspectorates Appeal Reference: APP/U3935/A/09/2114971/NWF: The Black Horse, Hinton Road, SN4 0DQ – change of use of existing field to accommodate ten touring caravans and two residential caravans with associated amenity block – comments to be received by 7th December 2009. The Parish Council wished to restate its' original objections and SBC need to consult with the planning officer for AONB.

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:

6.1.1 Next meeting to be confirmed.

6.1.2 Sewage pump installed and system serviced.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments: meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2009, attended by BB, AP, GS & RW. Covingham residents on waiting list currently at 20, suggested that Covingham deal with this and do administration for them, invoicing etc. Once plots come up for relet, then for Wanborough Residents only. Additional land needed for allotments in Wanborough? Consider approach to Bloor Homes to vary restrictions on land use at Springlines Meadow and request AB to obtain details of SBC owned land within the Parish. Any suggestions please let the Council know - preferably where no risk of flood. Suggested rent rise of 63% over next 3 years to be more in line with true cost.

The Clerk had reported that:

There is a broken fence where footpath 10 joins the Green Lane (track) at the corner of Kite Hill and Rotten Row, Wanborough. This is dangerous as children have been seen climbing on the broken fence. Reference number: 0395-3986. SBC aims to repair it within two working days. This has been referred to Highways Maintenance to investigate further. Reference: 101000182732.

The Clerk had instructed SBC to:

Remove one stem and the part of another to the Ash tree at The Beanlands Open Space;

Remove one stem from Ash tree at the top end of the Lower Recreation Ground.

Issues as per Clerk's notes dealt with.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

Updated figures and documents relating to finance of village hall circulated, Diocese are now happy – Email from them suggests looking at a lease? Council to seek a new 99 year lease – (Could Pam respond swiftly to the Diocese representative?)

NB Also look at figures supplied, two amounts need reconciling, £696.95 and £5000 as this amount was requested for transfer. We just need to reconcile figures agreed for VH as noted in previous minutes (£30,000 approved including £7,500 Marjorie Adams fund, plus £16,000 accrued plus additional loan of £5,000 to be repaid over two years?)

Charity commission happy.

Also Harrow recycling area untidy – leave for now.

Boxhedge fence still remains a problem, RW to find out and supply evidence as to whether it would affect an Ofsted inspection to give us something to approach SBC with.

6.4 Planning and Finance: Precept meeting Monday 7th December 2009, 19:30 at Hooper's Field (GS, AB, JS, RW and KP to attend).

Discussion about budget and precept as to whether an increase is appropriate in this current financial climate (AP, CO and AB).

Discussion re unchanged section 137 at £6.15. This figure is multiplied by number of taxpayers in the village to make up the precept.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

No reports.

6.6 Eastern Development Area:

Core strategy not going to cabinet – SBC leader and colleagues awaiting advice on the possible effect if the RSS is not adopted.

AB discussed planned growth in Wanborough (SHLAA?) New version out in February 2010.

Can Clerk add to future agendas?

7 FINANCE:

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly statement was circulated.

Please amend for October 2009 roof repairs – cheque was made payable to Wanborough Village Hall and not Monarch roofing.

AP queried the costings that may need to be deducted from costs of the Allbuild contract since SBC have been in to cut grass as one offs.

Can Clerk obtain written assurance that the start date for contract is no later than March 1st 2010 on Allbuild contract?

It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Kate Pearson 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 October and November 2009 be endorsed and the transfers to cover October and November 2009 expenditure be approved.” Parish Council unanimously accepted the financial statement.

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. Parish Council unanimously accepted the monthly cash flow statement.

7.3 Half-year Financial Statement:

Title needs amending on right hand side April 2008? should read 2009? Clerk’s salary needs to be itemised as it may include overtime payments?

Please could the Clerk circulate all financial statements prior to meetings to enable by email with agenda to allow Councillors to consider them?

Half year statement not signed off.

Please email concerns with statement ASAP.

7.4 WPC Grounds Maintenance Contract:

AP asked if Allbuild was in default – contractor not currently being paid. Please can the Clerk amend the start date of the contract? It was agreed that another cut may need to happen before 1st March 2010.

8 Others:

8.1 Transport:

Nothing reported.

8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Notes to be emailed around.

8.3 Neighbourhood Tasking Group:

Police have confirmed watch being put on allotments.

8.4 Grants:

No applications received.

8.5 Parish Plan:

Next meeting confirmed 30th November 2009.

8.6 East of Swindon Communities Group:

No update.

9 Clerk's appointment:

Clerk's appointment was discussed at the end of the meeting.

10 Vehicle activated signs:

AB confirmed E Sykes chased up, now in train. To chase further.

11 Governance:

Terms of reference and none written at present. DH to supply information from NALC website. The Chairs of Planning & Finance, Hoopers Field and Footpaths, Village Maintenance & Allotments to consider the full remit of their committee and a sensible figure which they may authorise for expenditure without consent of full Parish Council.

12 Flooding:

Carl Collins has met GS & JS and looked at sites in village at risk and noted on plan. Had further meeting with GS to obtain information from the village flood files. Grants are available for 'Flood Resilience' (Individual Flood Defences) from DEFRA by application to the local authority. The current tranche may close December 31st 2009 and an article has been placed in the Lyden for affected residents details. Details need to be submitted to LA which may be done via the PC (Carl Collins will do this for us). Even if flooded up to doorstep.

13 Wanborough Parish Council newsletter:

Carry forward.

14 Swindon's Infrastructure requirements to support growth to 2026:

Nothing reported.

15 Youth and general Parish involvement:

Mr Pethick supplied information that the Parish Plan was looking at a Youth Voice as part of plan.

16 CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 26th October 2009 was listed in the Clerk's Notes and was available at this meeting.

This meeting closed at 21:45.

Date of next meeting Monday 21st December 2009.