

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.30pm held at Wanborough Village Hall.

Meeting started 7:30pm

Those present: James Henry (JH), Jean Pereira (JP), Matt Harrison (MH), Stephen Callender (SC), Martin Bramley (MB), Matt Furniss (MF).

Apologies: Tony Rooth (TR)

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting 26th May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and approved by the Chairman. The Minutes were signed accordingly. It was noted that the meeting originally scheduled for July 2021 was cancelled.

2. Matters arising

SC reported that Mr Spicer was going to arrange for a suitable plaque to be added to one of the WPC benches outside the Great Barn, as agreed at the last meeting.

MB reported that Mr Addadi of SCC had confirmed that the potential installation of “rumble strips” on Westwood Lane, on each side of the Wanborough hamlet and on the approach to the Christmas Pie crossroads, had been added to SCC’s work list.

3. Notice of resignation of member of WPC

JH reported that SC had given notice of his resignation with effect from 22nd September 2021, in view of his move out of the Parish. On behalf of all WPC members and residents of the Parish, JH thanked SC for all his hard work for WPC over the last 18 months; JH noted SC’s building of a new interesting and informative WPC website, SC’s creation of a database to improve communication with local residents and, in particular, SC’s proactive and energetic leadership in handling all local planning and enforcement issues for WPC during a difficult period in respect of Wanborough Fields. JP, MB, MH and MF all expressed their thanks to SC.

4. Potential co-option of new member of WPC

JH provided a recap of the procedure to fill the vacancy left by SC’s resignation. A notice would be posted by GBC’s Proper Officer on the WPC noticeboard for a period of 14 days advising the public of the casual vacancy. If requested by at least 10 residents of the Parish, an election would be held. If no election requested, then WPC would be free to co-opt a new member selected from any interested (and eligible) parties.

5. Update from GBC & SCC

TR (GBC) sent his apologies ahead of the meeting due to a clash of dates with GBC’s regular monthly Planning Committee meeting. TR would be happy to field any questions arising re GBC.

MF (SCC) reported that July and August 2021 had been a relatively quiet period, with activity gradually getting back to normal following the easing of Covid restrictions. MF said that works to improve the A31/A331 junction were well advanced. He confirmed that the solar panel scheme for residents in the County had been launched and that the possibility of a solar panel speed sign for Wanborough was being considered. MF also reminded WPC members that his SCC Community Allocation funding was available for suitable projects.

MH requested that MF chase up the latest status of potential works to resolve the flooding issue on East Flexford Lane. In response to a question from SC regarding outstanding repairs needed to some local stiles, MF reported that in 2022 the SCC Countryside team would be seeking to improve efficiency and response times in respect of footpath maintenance.

MF stated that both Woking and Guildford Boroughs would be looking to house 10-20 Afgan refugee families and were seeking financial donations for this cause.

6. Planning & Enforcement updates

JH reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, a planning application had been submitted to GBC for the erection of a sign at Manor Farm Cottages to clearly disclose the Article 4 status of the nearby Wanborough Fields.

JH stated that, since the last meeting, 6 planning applications have been received and distributed, of which 5 had been reviewed by WPC members with the following comments submitted by SC (on date):

21/P/01134 (19 July) – recommended refusal; a more detailed plan was needed

21/P/01405 (6 August) – OK, no objection

21/P/01535 (4 August) – recommended refusal

21/P/001417 (11 August) – recommended refusal

21/P/01316 (8 September) – OK, no objection

In respect of 21/P/01701, MH expressed a personal interest as a neighbour to this specific property and would not participate in any WPC review of this application. SC asked other WPC members to provide their feedback as soon as possible.

It was noted that the status of all planning applications in the Parish are summarised on the WPC website with links to the detailed planning documents and comments on the GBC site.

SC reported that an enforcement appeal in respect of Lot D1 had been heard on 5th August 2021, but no decision had yet been published. MF confirmed that was a long backlog of awaited decisions. SC said that no date had been scheduled for the appeal against the enforcement notice on Lot A1 (20/EC/00121/APL), at which WPC would request attendance. SC and JP both reported that, following the recent approval of some water taps in Wanborough Fields, the local water board had reached the maximum capacity of the current water main in that location.

SC recommended that WPC continue to keep a close eye on the frequency and extent of local activity by “para-motors”, which potentially exceeded applicable regulations.

7. Traffic & road matters

It was noted that for the period 6th to 17th September there would night-time closures (and diversions) on the A3 between 9pm and 6am for essential maintenance work in respect of the bridge over the Dennis Interchange.

All other outstanding issues had already been logged with SCC, with no new items to report.

8. Finances and cheques

JH stated that the following payments had been approved and actioned:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
27/07/2021	£40.00	ICO	2021 annual fee data protection
27/07/2021	£569.83	G.Slater	Salary paid re departing clerk
18/08/2021	£231.00	GBC	Planning application fee re signage
08/09/2021	£59.00	WVHall	Hire costs due re Village Hall usage

JH stated that he would check the condition of the main bus shelter, near the B3000 / A31 interchange, to see if any major repairs needed, for which GBC Grant Aid could be sought.

9. Update re clerk recruitment

JH stated that although there was an interested person, no concrete progress had made over the summer and better progress was hoped for in the coming months.

10. Date of next meetings

It was agreed that the next two regular WPC meetings should be held on:

24th November 2021

26th January 2022

11. Any other business

On behalf of a local resident, JP asked about the rights of those with driveways direct onto the A31. MF responded that while residents should seek prior approval of SCC Highways Dept for any potential alterations re private access onto the carriageway, all such alterations would need to be paid for by the houseowner themselves.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 8.35pm.
