

**Wanborough Parish Council
Hooper's Field Management Committee
20th September 2010**

Meeting commenced at 19.30.

Present: Mr Colin Offer (Chairman), Mrs Dawn Hopkins (Wanborough Tennis Club), Mr Jon Raymond & Mr Ray Pethick (Wanborough Junior Football Club), Mr P Carter (Wanborough FC), Mr Gary Robbins (Dorcan FC), Mr Ian Titcombe (AFC NPower), Mr Bill Suter (Wanborough Bowls Club), Mr Andy Clinning, Mr Andy Thompson & Mr Huw Evans (Wanborough Cricket Club), Mr Shaun Egan (Wanborough Parish Plan) Mr Gary Sumner & Mr R Whitfield (Wanborough Parish Council) and Mrs Helen Craven-Jones (Clerk).

1. Apologies: No apologies.

2. Parish Council report from the Chairman:

The Clubs seem to have all had positive, successful seasons. Dog fouling at Hooper's Field continues to be an issue and it is felt that further signage is needed at Hooper's Field.

3. Parish Plan and future operations:

Shaun Egan, Chairman of Wanborough Parish Plan attended the meeting in order to give an update:

Shaun confirmed that there was a good turn-out to the public meetings held on 18/19 June 2010. Parish Plan were also very encouraged by the youth activity event organised at PGL Liddington in July - 82 children attended. Later this year, Parish Plan will pull all the suggestions together and create a "Top 10" list of the concerns and hot topics identified within the local community. They will then distribute a questionnaire to all residents within the Parish. Following the analysis of the questionnaire, they hope to establish priorities early 2011, with a view to producing a draft Parish Plan by April/May 2011. They will then present this to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk will give Parish Plan a copy/list of all the projects the Parish Council are working on. One of the considerations for the Parish Council is to install a new play area at Church Meadow. Parish Council have a quote from Kompan and the Clerk will pass this on to Ray Pethick.

The Clerk is also going to speak to the Village Lengthsman about removing the flower-pot from the Lower Rec. with the intention of replacing it with a basketball hoop – Clerk to look into costs of this.

4. Grounds maintenance and drainage:

Andy Clinning raised concerns about the condition of the cricket outfield; that it is in very poor condition and is dangerous and a Health and Safety issue. The Village Lengthsman is to remove the sharp sand and put some soil down asap. It was agreed that someone from SBC (Turf Specialist) would assess the pitch and provide advice on how to improve the condition prior to the start

of the cricket season. Bill Suter is going to speak to Martin Mansfield, the Fine Turf Specialist about this. Andy Clinning also passed on copies of a report from Ecosolve which suggest ways of improving the quality of the cricket square and outfield. Clerk to pass copies to Colin Offer and Gary Sumner.

Andy also stated that the ground needs to be spiked towards the end of October.

5. Pavilion and clock proposals:

The Clock face on the pitch side is now working. The Clerk has also obtained a quote from Wiltshire Clock Repairs in respect of installing a new clock face to the south east side (as you drive into Hooper's Field). This would cost £975.00 and it was agreed that we would hold on this for the moment and consider again at the end of this financial year. It was felt that this money could be spent on more urgent things needed at Hooper's Field.

6. MUGA update and current plans

Gary Sumner and Colin Offer are meeting with Sarah Stebbing from the Woodland Trust early October in order to discuss the siting of a MUGA at Hooper's Field. It was agreed that the bottom left hand corner of Hooper's Field is the best location for the MUGA, therefore 50% of the MUGA would be in Woodland Trust land.

It is very felt that there is a very big case for a MUGA within the Village; there are currently no facilities for teams to play netball, Wanborough JFC are currently unable to train in the Village, as there is no facility with floodlights. The Clerk is to e-mail Ray Pethick with the details of the meeting in October, as he is hoping to attend.

7. Club Reports:

a & b. Wanborough Tennis Club and Club Mark Status:

The tennis club has recently been awarded Club Mark Status, which is a necessary requirement to work within schools. 17 Clubs in the County have been awarded the Status and Wanborough Tennis Club are one of the smallest Clubs to achieve it.

Membership is down slightly for the season, which is possibly due to the recession. Becky Prince is doing an excellent job as Coach and is working very closely with the local schools. The two nearest courts to the main building will be resurfaced in the next couple of years.

c. Wanborough Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club are applying for Accreditation Membership of Swindon Sports Forum within the next week. Membership is as follows:

Full – 76

Social – 20

Total – 96

They have the highest membership they have ever had and have held 2/3 very successful Open Days during the summer. 42% of the members are from the Village.

A new Conservatory cover has been erected by the Village Lengthsman. The slabs around the bowling green are to be re-laid at the end of the season as they are dangerous. The Village Lengthsman will do this.

The current tables and chairs at Hooper's Field Main Hall and Bowls Club Conservatory are in poor condition. Bill Suter is going to see if he can obtain any cheap stock from local companies.

a. Wanborough Cricket Club:

Club membership is currently 24, of which 7 are junior members

Andy Clinning feels that the amount of rent that the Cricket Club pay is too high, based on the amount of money that is generated through each home match.

Colin Offer asked Andy Clinning to submit a proposal to Wanborough Parish Council requesting that the rent is reduced.

The Cricket Club were also asked if they would consider sharing the pitch as someone had expressed an interest in using the pitch for the 2011 season. The Clerk passed on the details to Andy Clinning and he is going to get in touch with them.

Andy was also advised that the Cricket Club may be able to obtain a grant in order to help with the purchasing of the equipment.

The Parish Council and Wanborough Junior Football Club said they would be more than happy to help the Cricket Club build a Junior Team as the Football team have had great success in developing the Junior Teams over recent years. Andy Clinning will discuss this in further detail with Jon Raymond and Ray Pethick.

b. Wanborough Football Club:

The Club have marked one pitch out for the start of the season, but commented that the other pitch wasn't safe. The goalposts are also very rusty and the Clerk will ask the Village Lengthsman to paint them. The Club are always keen to take on more players and are currently managing the transition with the Under 17/18 team. Chris Payne is no longer doing the white lines, however Wanborough FC are happy to continue doing this. Huw Evans did offer to do this.

c. Wanborough Junior Football Club:

Wanborough JFC currently have 10 teams running up to the Under 16's. The Under 14's won the League and Sportsmanship award last season. The Under 8's also won the Sportsmanship award for their age group.

They commented that the grass at the Lower Rec. grew too long during the summer and this caused problems for the start of the season. This matter has now been addressed and the grass at the Lower Rec. will be cut every Tuesday.

Wanborough JFC confirmed that they would be willing to move over to Pitch 2 so long as it is improved.

d. Dorcan FC:

Dorcan are keen for the soil to be placed on the pitch as it is in poor condition. Gary Robbins said he would be happy to help the Village Lengthsman with this. Paul Carter confirmed that he would speak to Chris Payne and ask him to mark out Pitch 2.

e. AFC NPower:

As they have now been recognised as an Intermediate Club by the Wiltshire FA, they have to ensure that there are barriers around the pitch, as well as plastic electric fencing posts and a plastic chain. They have also bought a new line marker and will play 17 home games this season.

8. Financial Report:

Financial statement was issued. The Clerk was asked to provide a breakdown on the HF Grounds Maintenance; how much is spent on grass cutting and how much is spent on Bowls Club maintenance. Clerk will have this information for the next meeting.

The Clerk was also asked to issue invoices to the Clubs for their 2nd instalment for the 2010/2011 season prior to the VAT increase in January 2011.

9. Disabled Parking and Signage:

It was suggested that further disabled signage is provided at Hooper's Field, with 3 signs for disabled parking and a parking space left clear in the same area for Dawn Hopkins. Clerk is to obtain costs of further disabled signs. This suggestion will be raised at the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting finished at 22.00.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 10th January 2011 at 19.30.