



WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Wanborough Parish Council (WPC) Planning, Finance and Policy Committee held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavillion

Present: Cllrs: Gary Sumner (Chair), Dave Hayward, Kathy Glanville, Colin Offer and John Warr

In attendance: Laura Evans (Clerk)

Minute Ref: PF/01.21/26

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025, were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Public Questions

The meeting will be adjourned to allow questions from the public.

(Maximum time allowed: 10 minutes)

No members of the public were in attendance, so the meeting continued.

5. Planning

- a) To consider the following planning application submitted to Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and awaiting response:

Cllr John Warr proposed deferring the planning applications to the Full Council meeting, which was agreed.

- i. **S/HOU/25/1685** - Erection of a single storey rear extension - Cwrt Bleddyn, 1 Slate Meadow Wanborough Swindon SN4 0BY.
- ii. **S/HOU/25/1687** - Erection of a first floor extension and outbuilding - Bushey House, 37 Church Road Wanborough Swindon SN4 0BZ.
- iii. **S/HOU/25/1676** - Erection of single storey side and rear extensions- 11 Avenell Road, Wanborough, Swindon SN4 0BS

6. Hooper's Field Sports Facility

- a) **To review budget and spend for 2025/26**- This was reviewed at the Hooper's meeting and agreed.
- b) **To discuss hall hire hourly charge for 2026/27 and to put forward a proposal to full council**- The Clerk confirmed that the current hire charge for Hooper's Hall is £12 per hour. **Resolved:** Cllr John Warr proposed maintaining the existing hall hire rate of £12 per hour for 2026/27. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kathy Glanville and unanimously agreed.
- c) **To discuss Club Licence Fees for 2026/27 and to put forward a proposal to full council**
At the Hooper's Field Working Group meeting, members reviewed the current annual Club Licence Fees.
It was agreed to recommend a 5% increase in club subscriptions for the 2026/27 financial year.

The Clerk will prepare a comparison table showing:
current subscription fees for each club,
the calculated 5% uplift, and the proposed new subscription amount for 2026/27,
for presentation and approval at the Full Council meeting.

7. Precept 2026/2027 for proposal to full council on 26th January 2026

- a) To review budget and spend for 2025/26- Budget of £173,342 – Spend to date- £137,203.67- £36,138.33 remaining until year end.
- b) To review earmarked reserves- The meeting noted the reserves and the Clerk suggested that wording for some lines of the earmarked reserves be made clearer and notes added.
- c) To review proposed projects and costs for consideration- this were reviewed during the discussion on the budget. **The meeting noted that there is still Grant money available for the community and this should be communicated via the Lyden Article.**
- d) To consider the draft budget for 2026/27- The draft budget for 2026/27 was reviewed **line by line**. Members discussed projected income, expenditure and proposed projects for the forthcoming financial year 26/27. The initial operating expenditure for 26/27 is £191,583.00p and £39,000 being used from reserves.

Christmas Hampers / General Power of Competence

The Clerk explained that they are not CILCA qualified yet, which means that the Parish Council does not currently meet the requirements for the General Power of Competence. This power is necessary for the Council to undertake certain activities that go beyond its normal statutory powers, including providing gifts or hampers to residents.

As a result, it was agreed that the Council will not be able to provide Christmas hampers this year, as doing so would fall outside the Council's legal powers. The Clerk confirmed that the Council will continue to explore other ways to support the community within its powers.

Resolved: Cllr John Warr proposed that the budget be recommended to Full Council **as drafted**. This was **seconded by Cllr Colin Offer** and agreed with a majority vote, with Cllr Dave Hayward objecting. The objection, expressing concern that *"too many figures have not been fully thought through, particularly project allocations."*

- e) To receive tax base from SBC for 2026/27- The meeting received and noted the tax base letter from SBC, noting that the Band D equivalents for 2026/27 is 1184.50 which is a 3.3% increase.
- f) To consider precept request for 2026/27- as discussed, the meeting will be putting the proposal of a 7% increase on last year's budget.

8. Handyman

To proceed with advertising for a self-employed Handyperson as previously agreed.

Resolved: Cllr Kathy Glanville proposed adverting for a self-employed Handyperson and was seconded by Cllr G Sumner, which was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm