



Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on

Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7pm at Hoopers Field Sports and Community Centre Rotten Row, Wanborough

Cllrs present: Kathy Glanville, David Hayward, Colin Offer, Omar Mirza, Gary Sumner, John Warr (Chair)

In attendance: Sally Thurston (Interim Clerk), Liam Churchill (Handyman), Chris Marsh (Director, Planning, Pegasus Group)

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllr. Warr welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Richard Bellamy

3. Update on the planning application at Foxbridge Village

An update from Chris Marsh Pegasus Group) was noted (appendix a)

Discussion regarding the Southern Connector Road (SCR) took place. Everyone agreed the road needed completing as soon as possible although remedial works were needed first. Queries were raised how this could be speeded up, it was felt development should stop until the road was completed. A resident asked for it to be noted that they felt the damage to the village roads caused by the developments, which is SCR, should be repaired by developers.

4. Updates from the following local organisations and groups were noted :

- Tennis Club (appendix b)
- Wanborough Toddlers (appendix c)

5. Parish Council updates

Cllr Warr led a presentation on Parish Council activity over the last year, this was supported by committee chairs (appendix d)

6. Discussion

Open discussion took place with the following subjects raised:

- Speeding in the village needs addressing
- Lanes leaving Wanborough on the Commonhead roundabout are confusing and dangerous
- The Parish Council hope to increase engagement to find out what is important to residents and develop a 5-year plan
- Keeping the village tidy and residents taking responsibility for their frontage and helping neighbours who could not

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Appendix a

Danescroft LLP are progressing an application for the approval of reserved matters pursuant to the grant of Outline planning permission for mixed-use development at Foxbridge North, Wanborough Road, Swindon, with an application to Swindon Borough Council anticipated within the coming weeks. As such, representatives are seeking to engage local interests in advance of submission through dialogue with the Parish Council, ward councillors and local residents, enabling questions and comments to be considered and responded to. Broadly, the proposals relate to 220 no. homes, comprising a mix of apartments and houses, at a scale of up to three storeys, together with an element of convenience retail, formal and informal public open space, play facilities and all supporting infrastructure. The emerging proposals respond to the technical constraints of the site, including below ground archaeology, surface water drainage and noise from the A419 dual carriageway, through the site layout and specific infrastructure mitigation to ensure a high standard of development for both future occupiers and nearby residents. A subsequent full planning application is expected in relation to the area known as 'Phase 2', previously shown as the new primary school that has since been committed at nearby Redlands. Once both applications are formally submitted, the parish and members of the public will be formally consulted by Swindon Borough Council and will have the opportunity to comment on the respective proposals alongside review by statutory technical consultees.

Appendix b

Wanborough Tennis Club

Report for the Wanborough Parish meeting 14 May 2025

WTC is a steadily growing club, with around 200 members. We have a full committee of 12 volunteers working towards making our club an inclusive community asset, enabling as many people as possible to benefit from the services we offer.

The club is stable. Membership and court usage has increased in 2024 /25. All teams in the summer and winter leagues have performed well and results overall improved and the number of members playing matches has grown. We have strong junior membership with some of our youngest talent competing at County and national level.

Currently we offer

- A variety of affordable memberships from families to tots
- Group and individual coaching
- Coaching groups for adult doubles, intermediate & beginner sessions
- Cardio tennis
- Parent & Child coaching sessions
- LTA Youth Junior programme
- Junior local inter-club competitions
- School holiday junior tennis camps
- Walking tennis
- Pay and play sessions for non-members

As part of our strategic review, we have set an aspiration to grow our membership by 10% per annum over the next couple of years and balance the makeup of adult /junior members to a 50/50% split. As part of this we want to offer more coaching activities and potentially pickleball.

Financing **Court Resurfacing** and the proposed new **Floodlights** on courts 3 and 4 are our main focus for 2025-2026 and beyond. We are actively in the process of putting together fundraising applications and trying to establish security for the club.

Court resurfacing will be needed within the next 2 to 4 years. This will be expensive and the club will require financial support. Price quoted at £60,000 + VAT for all 4 courts. To be able to use all 4 courts in winter we would like to install floodlights on courts 3 and 4. This would cost £35,000 - £40,000 plus VAT.

In the past the Parish Council has funded 50% of costs for maintenance. We need to understand what the position is going forward to ensure sustainability of the club.

We are also looking for local sponsorship and donations and would be keen to hear from anyone who might be able to offer help in any way.

Appendix c

Wanborough Toddlers is a friendly, volunteer-run stay-and-play group for children from 0-5, i.e. birth to starting school. We're at the village hall on Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30.

It's just £2.50 per child, which includes snack, and hot drinks for parents/ grandparents/ carers. We have all sorts of toys that encourage the children to play together and make local friends!

We have around 15 toddlers and babies attending most weeks, and around 30 in total who attend at least sometimes. Most are aged between 6 months and 3.5 years old, and it is lovely to see them getting to know each other, knowing that many will attend school together in future. We have recently welcomed quite a few new families who have heard about us from our Facebook posts on local pages, including a few from Redlands and Covingham.

THANK YOU, TIMES TWO!

Everyone at Wanborough Toddlers would like to say two huge thank yous...

Firstly, thank you to Charlotte and her Mum Julie, who re-established the group after the covid lockdown. They've built it up into a wonderful stay and play group for young families in the community. As Charlotte is embarking on new studies, we had a 'thank you party' on Tuesday 13th May.

(Maria, who is a part time primary teacher, is taking on running the group, with the support of lots of our regular attendees - and her little one of course, who loves to put the chairs out! And Freya, also a primary teacher, runs lots of the sessions in the school holidays).

And our second big thank you is to the Old Boilers, for their generous £500 donation. We have used it to buy all sorts of exciting new toys, storage boxes to organise our cupboard, and a fancy new card reader so we no longer scrabble around for cash, hooray! We have already loved putting some of the new toys into action, including our climbing triangle and slide, play shop and doctors kit, ball pit and water sensory mat.

Our new tuff tray is ideal for water play - especially so we can make the most of the lovely garden when the weather is nice! Or sensory spaghetti, pom poms sorting, dinosaur footprint painting, and diggers with cornflakes - it changes every week!

We're looking forward to all sorts in the coming months...

- a Police Officer visiting and showing us her car!
- evenings out for the grown ups!
- a day trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park.
- a teddy bears picnic.
- a 'swap shop' of children's clothes and toys.

And we will continue meeting during the school holidays (sometimes out and about), when the Toddlers' older siblings are welcome to join us.

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