

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Extraordinary Minutes of Wanborough Parish Council (WPC) Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 18th November 2025 at 7pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavillion, Rotten Row, Wanborough

Cllrs Present: Colin Offer (Chairman)
David Hayward
Kathy Glanville
Omar Mirza
John Warr
Gary Sumner

In attendance: Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club)
Aaron Baker (Wanborough Cricket Club)
Ian Butcher (Wanborough Football Club))
Melanie Brough (Wanborough Tennis Club)
Laura Evans, Clerk (WPC)

Minute Ref: HF/EM/11.18/2025

1. Apologies for absence

Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC & Pétanque Club), Paul Penfold (Cricket Club) and John Errington (Bowls Club).

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025, were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 were approved and signed as a true record with one amendment required to item 5, should state the Cricket and Bowls club and not Tennis club.

5. THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public were in attendance, and no questions were raised.

6. Defibrillator Training

The quotation from Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance was accepted for £100 per session.

Two sessions to be booked (morning and afternoon) for Saturday 10th January 2026 and will be promoted via Wanborough School newsletter and Facebook.

Resolved: Cllr Omar Mirza proposed proceeding with the booking, Cllr Kathy Glanville seconded the proposal and was unanimously approved.

7. Cricket Nets

Nets completed; awaiting price from the Contractor for soil/clay spreading and reseeded.

It was suggested to plant a tree in honour of a former Cllr for their contribution to the Council and Community of former councillor.

The Committee reiterated its request to the Cricket Club for the padlock code, noting that the nets are a Parish Council asset. A request for a snagging list for Slatters has also been requested.

8. Bowls Club

Request for contribution towards outdoor furniture considered.

Resolved: £1,000 contribution as per budget line. Proposed by Cllr Omar Mirza, seconded by Cllr Kathy Glanville and unanimously approved.

9. Storage

Discussion on ordering storage containers for Cricket and Football Clubs until permanent facilities are built. The meeting agreed to order **one** more container to be placed next to existing container and this will be reviewed every **six** months. The Clerk confirmed the current container is £60 per month.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Omar Mirza, seconded by Cllr John Warr and unanimously agreed.

Estimated costs are as follows: Delivery – £450; Hire – £60 per month.

Football Club may also use storage as required.

10. Tennis Club

Interim LED lights for the tennis courts were discussed. No additional planning permission is required because permanent lighting for courts three and four was already included in the Phase 1 plan for Hooper's Field, resulting in **no** cost to the Parish Council

Permanent lights remain on agenda.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to proceed with the purchase on behalf of the Tennis Club. The proposal will be presented to Full Council on Monday, 24 November. Proposed by Cllr Kathy Glanville, seconded by Cllr Omar Mirza, and unanimously approved.

11. Drainage Issues

The Committee discussed the quotation for spiking the pitches; however, the Football Club advised against proceeding at this stage, noting that more significant drainage issues need to be addressed first. The Club highlighted that securing grants for these improvements will require the necessary licensing to be in place, and Wanborough Parish Council will check the terms of this arrangement before proceeding.

The Football Club has moved the 11-a-side matches to PGL for the period December–February to allow the pitch to recover. Licensing remains a priority and is included on the Clerk's handover list. The cost for licensing was previously approved in the spring and the final wording of any changes to the licensing agreements will require approval of Wanborough Parish Council.

Meeting closed at: 7:38pm