

**Wanborough Parish Council
Hooper's Field Management Committee
Monday 6th July 2015**

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Present: Mr Colin Offer (Chairperson), Colin Hayes (Wanborough Parish Council), Mr Andy Clinning, Mr Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Mrs Mary Pribyl (Wanborough Bowls Club), Mrs Jane Howes (Wanborough Tennis Club), Mr Gary Sumner (Wanborough Junior Football Club).

1. **Apologies:** Roger Whitfield (Wanborough Parish Council), Andy Thompson (Wanborough Cricket Club), Wanborough Football Club
2. Parish Council report from the Chairman
Colin Offer had nothing further to report other than what is already on the agenda.
3. Expansion Plans – Revised Plans
Colin Offer confirmed that a quote has been received from David James (SBC) who will look at the whole site at Hooper's Field and produce some plans. His fee is in the region of £10k, however due to the cost two further quotes need to be gained before Parish Council will be able to make a decision.
Wanborough Cricket Club raised concerns that their views have not been taken into consideration for the expansion plans. After a discussion it was agreed that all the clubs would provide Parish Council with a list of their requirements (what they would like included within the expansion proposals) to Parish Council before the meeting in September. *ACTION Club representatives*
4. Feedback from Open Day
The number of people attending the Open Day was lower than last year, however it was still a very successful event, raising £200 for Prospect Hospice. The Bowls Club stated that they were unable to attract any new members from the event, however this is not the only aim, but also to advertise the facilities at Hooper's Field. Tennis Club confirmed that they gained 5 new family memberships from the Open Day so that was a huge benefit for them. It was agreed to hold the event again next year.
5. **CLUB REPORTS:**
Wanborough Tennis Club
Tennis Club reported that only 1 family have taken up the option for the summer membership, which is a reduced fee of £30 to play over the summer holidays only. The Tennis Club are still exploring options for "Pay and Play" but at the moment they have not come up with any ideas.
Tennis Club have entered 3 mens, 2 ladies and 2 mixed teams into the league this year. They are having problems attracting enough women to play in the league matches.
They would like to get floodlights for courts 3 & 4, however the cost is extremely high. It was suggested to include this on their list of requirements so that it can be included in the expansion plan proposals.
Tennis Club currently have around 150 members and are financially healthy.

Wanborough Bowls Club

The Bowls Club confirmed that they are also struggling to gain lady players, as well as players willing to run a team.

The Bowls Club haven't been pleased with the green maintenance this year. The greenkeeper struggled to gain the materials he needed at the start of the season, plus the greenkeeper has been ill. Clerk confirmed that she raised these issues with SBC when Mary Pribyl reported them to her, and they replied stating that the green will be ready for the start of the season and there were no problems. Clerk confirmed that the cost to get another contractor to maintain the green would be three times the current cost, and the current greenkeeper is one of the best in the area. It was agreed to forward a copy of the maintenance contract to Bowls Club. *ACTION Clerk.*

The Bowls Club also stated that there was a delay in starting up the irrigation system. Clerk confirmed that the contract Parish Council currently have with the irrigation company is based on him visiting Wanborough when he visits other Bowls Greens in Swindon; the cost of this maintenance contract is extremely high and Parish Council cannot afford the additional cost for them to visit Wanborough only.

Bowls Club confirmed that their current membership is the same as last year 120 members which includes some non-playing members.

They will be hosting the Swindon and District ladies match. Catering facilities still continue to cause them problems. The men's team will be touring in August.

Wanborough Cricket Club

Cricket Club currently have two Saturday teams and one Thursday team. They are also subletting the square to two other teams. In total there will be about 200 hours of cricket played on the square this season. They have one boy's team who will play 12 matches, which are mostly played on a Wednesday.

Cricket Club are currently having problems with the water supply; when using the hose the water will only last for about 20mins. They asked if it is possible for them to use the Bowls Club reservoir; they would just connect a hose pipe to the reservoir and run it to the cricket square. Bowls Club confirmed they would look into whether this is possible.

They continue to have problems with the grass cutting: one week was missed due to labour problems and the grass was then cut twice the following week.

They have been subject to some vandalism recently, graffiti, cutting of rope and they have lost a canvas. Parish Council suggested that all clubs close the gate at the end of the day.

They currently have 28 U11's and 8 over 11's junior players registered.

Wanborough Football Club

No representative at the meeting

Wanborough Junior Football Club

Wanborough Junir Football Club currently have 10 teams. They are currently having a health check to become a "Community Standard Club". They have around 160-180 members. The U8's have 16 players which is actually enough for two teams, however more coaches are needed to be able to run a second team. The U6's start in the summer so they are ready to join the league as an U7's team. Financially the club is doing very well. The AGM raised £400 on the raffle.

They have a new Treasurer who was appointed at the AGM.

Four teams currently use Hooper's Field.

10. Financial Report

Clerk confirmed the amount of money Parish Council have budgeted for Hooper's Field for the current year. Colin Offer confirmed that there is an additional £2K for the maintenance of the sports pitch.

Paul Penfold asked, having looked at the financial statement, how Parish Council are going to fund the proposed £10k consultant's fee and also the proposed expansion. Colin Offer confirmed that he is proposing that the Hooper's Field fund pay for £5k of the consultant's fee and Parish Council pay the other £5K (subject to agreement from Parish Council). Colin Offer confirmed that grants will need to be sort for the expansion cost, plus there will be additional opportunities from S106 money.

11. Any other business

Gary Sumner confirmed that Swindon Borough Council are offering grants through "Swindon Sport Forum" so if any of the clubs want to apply then it is worth taking a look at the website.

Meeting Closed 21.10

Next meeting – 19th October 2015