

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting of WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL held at HOOPERS FIELD, WANBOROUGH, on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 18.30pm

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

In attendance: Sally Thurston (Consultant Clerk), Anne Bradley (Assistant Clerk)
3 representatives of Wanborough Cricket Club (left following the conclusion of item 5)

Minute Ref: FC/3.9/25

1. Apologies

Cllrs Richard Bellamy and John Emmins

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2025 be APPROVED as a correct record.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 13th august 2025 be APPROVED as a correct record.

4. Public Questions

The following questions from the public were considered:

- Concern regarding cutting of hedging in Rodway open space – this will be reported to Swindon Borough Council, who are the landowners.
- Will the Rodway open space sculpture be repaired? - A quote for repair has been received which will be considered at the footpath, village maintenance and allotment committee meeting on 6th October 2025. The clerk was asked to include a piece in the Lyden to ascertain if the community supports spending funds on a repair. In the meantime, the statue would be made safe.

5. Cricket Nets

- Members received an update and considered a report.
- Members considered a recommendation from the Hoopers Field and Finance Committee to allocate £10,000 towards the installation of new cricket nets. Lengthy discussion followed regarding value for money, access and funding sources. The following budget was discussed:

Source	Income	Expenditure
Sport England Grant	10,045	
Landfill Grant (WPC)	9,000	
WPC Initial Contribution	1,000	
Cricket Club Grant	2,500	
Cricket Club Fundraising	250	
Total Funding raised	22,795	
WPC Pledge	10,000	
Total	32,795	
Cost of nets		33,468
Contingency		3,005
Savings made from in-house clearance	832	
Funding required	36,473	
Shortfall	2,846	

- c) It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that WPC pledge a maximum £10,000 to the cricket net project, from earmarked s106 funding allocated to improvements at Hoopers Field, conditional on the following:
1. WPC procurement rules are adhered to
 2. The nets are open to all Wanborough residents in a safe and controlled way.
 3. Wanborough Cricket Club (WCC) must provide a strategy on how open access will be achieved.
 4. Income should be generated for use by cricket clubs outside Wanborough, to fund maintenance
 5. WCC contribute a further £2250 to address the funding shortfall
 6. The chosen contractor provides a fixed price to ensure the need for a contingency is minimised
 7. Maintenance for the nets be budgeted for on an annual basis

It was agreed that the clerking team would work with WCC to ensure:

- a system is implemented to allow residents to have open access
- a system is implemented to generate income from users from outside the village
- a management process is in place for health and safety, insurance and maintenance

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to move into confidential session due to the nature of the item to be discussed.

6. Parish Clerk

Members received and considered a recommendation from the Staffing Committee regarding the appointment of a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Laura Evans as Clerk and Responsible Officer on SCP 25, starting as soon as possible.

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and RESOLVED to move into open session

7. Village Maintenance

Members received and considered a recommendation from the Staffing Committee regarding village maintenance

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to increase All Build hours for maintenance to 18 per week until 31st October 2025 at a cost of £6930. It was agreed that All Build catch up on village maintenance that the parish council are responsible for.

8. Hoopers Field

Members considered a quote to deep clean Hoopers Field Pavilion

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to delegate authority to the assistant clerk to proceed with a deep clean at a maximum of £420 plus VAT

9. Grant Applications

Members considered the following applications for funding:

- a) St Andrews Church Grounds Maintenance
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to grant the full £1,500 noting the considerable benefits to the community, particularly those who use the churchyard footpaths for recreational purposes.
- b) Toddler Group Library
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to grant £200 to provide a pop-up children's library.

Meeting Closed: 19.51pm