

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Wanborough Parish Council (WPC) Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7pm

at Hooper's Field Sports Pavillion, Rotten Row, Wanborough

Cllrs Present: Colin Offer (Chairman)
Kathy Glanville
David Hayward

In attendance: Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club)
Aaron Baker (Wanborough Cricket Club)
Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club),
John Errington (Wanborough Bowls Club)
Ian Butcher (Wanborough Juniors Football Club)
Sally Thurston, Interim Clerk (WPC)

Minute Ref: HF/07.14/2025

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Gary Sumner, Omar Mirza, Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC & Pétanque Club)

2. Declaration of interest

3. To elect a Vice Chair

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that Cllr. Glanville be elected as Vice Chair.

4. Minutes

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 were APPROVED be signed as a correct record

5. THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None present.

6. Update from Sports Clubs

The following reports were received and considered:

- i. Wanborough Bowls Club

- Planters at the front of the pavilion look fantastic. Thanks were recorded to the bowls club members for their hard work.
- The club requested training on the defibrillators – It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk be asked to investigate an open training session at Hoopers Field.
- Broadband was discussed and everyone's disappointment was noted that BT had not yet done the installation. It has been escalated as a complaint JE offered to call BT – the clerk would provide details. It was also noted with no mobile signal no wifi could be dangerous in the event of an accident. A landline should also be investigated.

ii. Wanborough Tennis Club

- The club has had a busy summer with open day, pickle ball and family tournament.
- Membership is around 200 with some new members from Redlands Grove.
- A junior tournament will be hosted in August
- A 5-year plan had been forward and a request was made to have a meeting with the parish council to discuss.
- A grant application is being progressed to landfill.
- Repainting of courts has been postponed due to lack of funds
- Slow progress has been made in gaining funding for flood lights.

iii. Wanborough Cricket Club

- 1st team doing well in their first season in D2.
- 2nd team doing well in D8.
- Under 13s are playing matches.
- Thanks were recorded to bowls club for help in watering square.
- It was noted that the outfield is in a very poor state and improvement needed. Needed. WJFC advised there are funds available in grant funding to improve pitches. It was agreed that assessment and a plan from improvements was urgently required. Clubs asked if the Clerk could help co-ordinate a group approach and also help to apply for Science park environmental grant. It was advised that the interim clerk would be handing over to a permanent clerk shortly but would help as much as possible before leaving.

iv. Wanborough Junior Football Club

- Season finished. Eighteen teams expected for the new football season starting in September from a selection of 240 junior players.
- Award event has been held and many trophies awarded.
- Hope to use PGL pitches from November to preserve Hoopers

v. Wanborough Petanque Club

- Not present

It was NOTED that the 10 year licences were still being progress. The Clerk had chased the solicitor and been promised these would be ready for review in the next few days

7. Finance

Financial reports were NOTED. It was also noted that all clubs have £1,000 in capital funding to apply for with the exception of the cricket club as their funds would go towards the nets project.

8. Health and Safety

It was NOTED that a risk assessment for the building and grounds is being undertaken and actions will be raised at the next meeting. The following actions have already been addressed:

- A lockable cleaning cupboard has been purchased
- Gas safety Certificate
- Fire safety
- PAT testing

9. Hooper's Field maintenance and improvements

a) It was NOTED that:

- a. Boiler has been replaced
- b. Urinals have been unblocked and fixed
- c. Heater under sink has been decommissioned and replaced
- d. It was noted that padlocks on shutters needed oiling. Club members to undertake this.
- e. Issues with missing keys raised. It was agreed the clerk should investigate alternatives including a coded entry.
- f. It was requested that trees be trimmed on entrance pathway and around cricket container.
- g. The clerk was asked to add cleaning hours to the Finance and Policy agenda.
- h. Paper towels were requested in holders – clerk to address

b) Members received and considered recommendations from CHUBB service. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that all recommended actions be undertaken at a cost of £942.01

c) A list of immediate improvements required were NOTED – the clerk was asked to obtain quotes:

- Deep Clean
- Descaling of all showers
- Tile cleaning

d) An update on the storage facilities was received. It was NOTED that the Assistant Clerk was progressing this project and was currently obtaining initial quotes and advice. It is hoped these will be ready to present to council on 28th July 2025

10. Grant applications

It was NOTED that a grant of £10,045 had been awarded from Sport England towards to Cricket Nets. This gave a total so far of £22,545 raised in grant funding. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that a request be put to full council to fund £10,000 towards the project. The cricket club were asked to get updated quotes for the nets and to attend the council meeting on 28th July 2025.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

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