

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Wanborough Parish Council (WPC) Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7pm

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

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

In attendance: Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club)
Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club)
John Errington (Wanborough Bowls Club)
Laura Evans, Clerk (WPC)
Two members of the public

Minute Ref: HF/01.19/2026

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of interest

No Declarations of interest were made

3. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 13h November 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(Maximum time allowed 10 minutes)

No questions were put forward from the public.

5. Items for Information

The cleaner currently undertakes 2.5 hours of work per week. An extension lead for the hoover has been ordered.

Cllr Colin Offer reminded members that all clubs must ensure the facility is left tidy after matches.

Action: The Clerk to write to Wanborough Football Club reminding them of their responsibility to clear up after matches.

Elections – May 2026

A reminder was issued to clubs that may wish to nominate representatives ahead of the May elections.

Licences

Cllr Omar Mirza asked what progress had been made regarding the licences. It was confirmed that the licences are currently underway. The solicitor has reviewed the documents and returned them requesting clarification on several highlighted areas. The Assistant Clerk is working on these, with an expected completion date of 1 April 2026, subject to approval.

Once the remaining details have been finalised, the drafts will be reviewed by the Parish Council.

Action: The Clerk/Assistant Clerk to circulate the draft licences to all Parish Councillors, with the aim of including them on the next Full Council meeting agenda.

Water Meters

Cllr Dave Hayward asked if progress had been made on the water meters for the clubs. The Clerk confirmed that this matter is still ongoing.

6. Update from Sports Clubs

To receive reports and consider actions from:

- i. Wanborough Bowls Club - The Club reported a successful 2025 season, with increased membership and promotion in the two leagues in which they compete. However, they noted that they may lose a few members in 2026 due to the poor condition of the clubhouse. It was also highlighted that the Club currently has no members from the south of Wanborough, and assistance with promoting the Club in that area would be appreciated.
A Charity Open Weekend will be held on **24th, 25th and 26th May 2026**, with weather acknowledged as a potential factor affecting attendance. The Club expressed support for a joint open day involving all clubs at Hooper's Field.
- ii. Wanborough Tennis Club- The Club reported that there have been no significant changes since the last update. The new lights have now arrived and are installed; they are working, although not yet at the desired brightness. This forms part of an interim stage within a wider, longer-term improvement plan for the lighting system.
- iii. Wanborough Cricket Club – It was reported that the cricket nets have now been installed. The Club expressed a wish to publicise the new nets, including an article and photographs featuring Cllrs Colin Offer, Kathy Glanville, and Omar Mirza.
A short early-evening photo session is proposed, with availability from the Councillors noted. It was suggested that an article be included in the Lyden Magazine for the March or April editions. Potential dates for the promotional photos were discussed, with 22nd April or 29th April pencilled in—29th April being the preferred option if 22nd April is unsuitable.
- iv. Wanborough Junior Football Club – No update
- v. Wanborough Petanque Club -Annual Meeting will take place next month. Expressed optimism for increased enthusiasm and participation in the coming year. The Bowls Club is working closely with the Pétanque Club, and collaboration between the two clubs continues to strengthen.

7. Cricket Nets

The Committee received the draft WPC/WCC Open but Controlled Access Policy for consideration. Cllr Dave Hayward queried the arrangements for use of the cricket nets, specifically regarding free access for Wanborough residents compared with access for non-residents and clubs.

Resolved: Cllr Gary Sumner proposed adoption of the WPC/WCC Open but Controlled Access Policy and was seconded by Cllr Omar Mirza and was agreed with a majority vote with Cllr Dave Hayward voting against. The recommendation for adoption of this policy will be an agenda item for Full Council.

8. Finance

- a) To consider a draft committee budget for 2026.27

The Committee requested that the RFO send detail costs of code items 45/46. Operational expenditure for 2026/27 was noted at £29,700, with a further £25,000 allocated towards storage facilities.

The Committee also considered club subscription charges for the upcoming year.

Resolved: Cllr Gary Sumner proposed the Club subscriptions increase by 5%, Cllr Omar Mirza seconded the proposal and was agreed with a majority vote with Cllr Dave Hayward voting against.

The new fees to be bought to the next Full Council meeting.

- b) To consider capital expenditure requests for 2026.27- This was discussed at the previous meeting.
c) To consider the Bowls Club Electrical Quotation - The Committee considered the Bowls Club electrical quotation. It was noted that the project is now 12 months behind schedule, due to the Club needing planning permission last year. Funding of **£1,000** had been identified in the 2026/27 budget.

Resolved: Cllr John Warr proposed that the Parish Council contribute **£500** as match funding towards the electrical works, Cllr Omar Mirza seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed. The contribution is to be taken from the 2025/26 delegated budget, and the matter was delegated to the Clerk to progress.

9. Open day dates for Summer 2026

This was discussed under item 6.

10. Review of Defibrillator Training

Cllr Colin Offer strongly recommended arranging further defibrillator training, noting that the recent session had been extremely informative and well received and all places were fully taken. It was agreed that a date for a summer training session should be organised at the next meeting.

An article is also to be prepared for the Lyden Magazine, highlighting the importance of the defibrillators and recognising the four volunteers who carry out the monthly checks.

11. Hooper's Field maintenance and improvements

- a) Leak in men's toilet- The Contractor has managed to fix the issue.
b) Hive Heating System- The Committee noted the need for better control of the heating system through the Hive unit, including setting it to warm the building ahead of meetings

The meeting closed at 8:30pm