

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.30pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion

Present: Colin Officer, Bob Biggs, John Emmins (Parish Councillors), Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC).

In Attendance: Georgia Wheeler (Assistant Parish Clerk), Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of public

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1. Apologies: Dave Hayward (Parish Councillor), Andy Clinning (Wanborough Cricket Club), Ian Butcher (Wanborough JFC), Mel Brough (Wanborough Tennis Club), Geoff Sanders (Wanborough Bowls Club).
2. Declaration of interest: No interests declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

A resident raised an issue of the awareness of information being only on social media. This was particularly in relation to the dogs on lead policy at Hooper's Field. The resident made several suggestions that could prevent dog fouling instead of dogs being on leads which included: a post with a flat board on that preventative posters could be stuck too, poo bag dispensers at various points in the vicinity, environmentally friendly pink spray used to highlight fouling. In relation to the awareness of information., the parish council advised that information also goes in the Lyden Magazine which every house in the parish receives.

A resident suggested that dogs could be off lead in designated areas with barriers around sports pitches to deter dogs. The parish council noted the difficulty in this due to the large area of the sports pitches.

A query was raised in relation to policing dogs on lead in the area. The parish council advised CCTV at the pavilion was being investigated and this could be used.

A sports club representative suggested creating an informal network amongst dog walkers to create a positive community around picking up dog fouling.

The chair concluded that Hooper's Field will become a dog on lead area for the next 12 months and to then be reviewed.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 18th July 2022 confirmed

4. Grounds maintenance

- 4.1 Tennis Court wooden safety surround repair

A discussion was had around what the reasoning for the edging. It was advised there was old wood there from when there was a fence barrier, prior to the footpath being created, and that the smaller wooden edging was used to stop the movement of the shingle which covers electric wires and drainage. Club representatives raised concern about the cost of replacing the borders and whether this was for aesthetic purposes more than safety.

ACTION: It was agreed that, in the first instance, the clerk will contact the handyman to tidy up the broken pieces of work and to be reviewed again once this work has been carried out.

- 4.2 Tennis Court lights

The parish council advised of discussions held at previous parish council committee meeting relating to funding for tennis court lights from section 106 money. Following the parish council committee meeting the clerk was going to seek advice on whether the section 106 money could be used for this purpose. The clerk confirmed she was waiting to hear from SBC on this. Further discussion around the section 106 money highlighted that this was capital fund money and therefore may not be suitable to use.

Georgia Wheeler
Assistant Clerk

Club representative raised issues of this being discussed outside of the Hooper's Field Committee and requested a priority list being done of clubs needs for funding to be spend fairly.

ACTION: Clerk to seek advise on whether this money can be used for sports club maintenance and depending on outcome go from there.

4.3 Outfield (pitches) maintenance in Spring

The parish council advised that the maintenance timing is provided in current contract. Club representatives shared concerns about previous maintenance being less than satisfying. It was suggested that long term advice is sourced to prevent the outfield getting rougher year on year. It was discussed that maintaining outfields is problematic due to being a multi-use sports field.

4.4 Driveway improvement plans

The parish council reported that there are no current plans to resolve the driveway issues and advised that the Hooper's Field Project will be addressing this.

Club representative noted that when previously improved the drainage issues were not appropriately dealt with.

4.5 Review bins at Hooper's

The clerk advised of bin replacement by the football dug outs and new dog poo bin pending on entrance into Hooper's Field from Rotten Row. A discussion was held as to where another bin could go. It was agreed a further bin should be put at the entrance near the cricket store due to lots of dog walkers entering this way.

The assistant clerk advised of broken wheelie bins at the facility and shared quotes on these being replaced with a larger lockable bin. The clerk advised that the contractors have agreed to collect a larger bin and explained that a lockable bin is needed as rubbish from the facility must be in black bags. It was confirmed all clubs with have a key to the bin, a normal general waste bin for the public will remain next to the wheelie bin, the clubs do not need to separate recyclable materials for the bin. All approved new lockable bin to replace current ones. Dog waste allowed signage was shared that will be placed on multi-use bins as many residents are unaware dog poo can be disposed in normal bins.

ACTION: Assistant clerk to order replacement large lockable wheelie bin.

4.6 Bowls hedge

The parish council advised the hedge was due to be cut this coming week and in the contract the hedge will be cut to 7ft. The club representatives reported being previously unsatisfied with the hedge cutting. The chair advised to review the cut this time and if unhappy for the club to seek an alternative cutting service.

5. Hooper's Field Project

5.1 John Emmins to provide a verbal update on the project

Councillor advised that after investigation there is no section 106 money available from the NEV developers for the project. The parish council is seeking a fund raising committee. The councillor advised there is a 3 year time limit from planning, meaning 2 years left, but as long as some work starts within that time period then the work can continue outside of the deadline. It was suggested to start with the driveway work first.

6. Update on recent break in

The police investigation of the break in recommended for CCTV to be installed. It was agreed for the bowls club doors to be replaced due to the repair being only temporary. The club representative suggested a potential key safe being provided for this due to new keys being needed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact insurer for doors to be replaced.

6.1 Discussion on CCTV for facility

There was a discussion around the building getting WiFi installed ahead of CCTV being installed. It was suggested that whatever CCTV is used for it to be stored outside of the building so it cannot be destroyed. It was also discussed that main purpose of CCTV is to act as deterrent.

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ACTION: Assistant clerk and clerk to investigate CCTV system and source quotes.

7. Dogs on lead policy

Signage option document was shared and a discussion was held on what signage would be most appropriate. It was agreed that sign A on the document was preferred and this should be in 30 X 40 size on aluminium backing which should then be put on posts at main entrance points into the field. Poster stickers should also be used on bins and the Hooper's Field building,

ACTION: Clerk to order above signage.

8. Hooper's Field WiFi

The clerk advised WiFi has been booked with David Clay, CCE, who is currently waiting for equipment to arrive. It is hopeful this will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Following discussion at the previous parish council committee meeting over use of Openreach instead of David Clay, CCE, the clerk contacted Openreach but the request was rejected as the building is not registered with Royal Mail. The clerk explained in the interim of registering with Royal Mail, David Clay will still install to prevent delays.

ACTION: Gordon Heywood volunteered to contact Royal Mail to find out how to register a building and report back to the clerk.

9. Leases for Clubs – Fundraising limitations for sports clubs

Clubs raised some issues with applying for grants due to the terms of the lease. The parish council advised previously a letter from them has been shared to help a club apply for funding. The parish council asked for specific issues of terms of lease to be shared so they can understand the issues.

ACTION: Wanborough JFC to share findings of latest application for funding. The clerk to circulate funding assist letter to clubs.

10. Update from Sports Clubs

a. Wanborough Bowls Club

Reported season now finished with ladies being particularly successful. Planned a few social gatherings over the winter. Had a loss of approximately £500 which is an improvement on last couple of years. Currently looking into maintaining the green and if more could be done by themselves.

b. Wanborough Tennis Club

Reported membership being stable and similar to previously. Currently looking at future of the club in terms of guidance and policies going forward relative to Hooper's development.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

Reported successful season running 3 teams in the year. Difficulty with equipment and ground maintenance. Raised potential issues of storage facilities and requested any future changes to be discussed at this committee initially.

d. Wanborough JFC

No issues reported. Wanting to book hall for some training.

The clerk asked all clubs to provide updates for the Lyden Magazine to spread awareness of group activity.

Meeting closed 9.15pm