

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion

Present: Colin Offer, Bob Biggs, Dave Hayward, Omar Mizra (Parish Councillors), John Errington (Wanborough Bowls Club), Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club), Mark Baldwin (Wanborough Cricket Club), Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC).

In Attendance: Georgia Wheeler (Assistant Parish Clerk), Graeme Luxton (Hooper's Project Expert Advisor)

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1. Apologies: John Emmins (Parish Councillor), Geoff Sanders, Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Mel Brough (Wanborough Tennis Club), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Ian Butcher (Wanborough JFC)
2. Declaration of interest: No interests declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th January confirmed
4. Wanborough Parish Council Update
Document of maintenance at the facility this year shared with committee in advance. Wifi installation date still pending but order now placed. Clubs reminded to bag all rubbish in large bags before putting in new lockable bin. Discussion about whether the BBQ donated last year was still wanted by clubs. Graeme advised he viewed last year but did not feel was appropriate and requested the parish purchased a new one.
ACTION: Assistant clerk to discuss BBQ purchase with clerk.
5. Hooper's Field maintenance
Concerns were raised about the overhanging trees on Rotten Row. Assistant clerk advised had been previously report to SBC who said they reviewed, and no further action was required. Requests for Hooper's Field pond to be tidied as trees overhanging.
ACTION: Assistant clerk to share report with John Errington to enable him to pursue further.
Assistant clerk to write to Wilts Wildlife trust for pond maintenance.
- 5.1 Pitch maintenance
The bowls club and cricket club are both in agreement that the pitch should be rolled. Graeme confirmed that the rolling of the pitch is provisionally booked for 1st, 2nd & 3rd May. The verti-draining is currently booked for end of April but it is advised for the rolling to be done first. Clubs need to sign a disclaimer before rolling pitch as against advice of field contractor.
ACTION: Assistant clerk to see if clerk can re-book verti-draining to take place after pitch roll. Football and cricket club to send signed disclaimer to clerk before rolling pitch.
- 5.2 Conservatory roof
Bowls conservatory roof still leaking despite guttering being cleaned. Suggestion that pergola may need to be removed to find the problem. Bowls club against removal of pergola and happy to report exactly where leak is coming from.
ACTION: Bowls club to meet with the handyman at Hooper's and review together

Georgia Wheeler
Assistant Clerk

6. Club License Fees

Club license agreements email by clerk in advanced. Receival of Tennis club signed agreement confirmed. Clubs reminded to return signed agreements back to clerk.

ACTION: Cricket, Football and Bowls to send the clerk signed agreements

7. Hooper's Field Project Update

Document with latest update details shared in advanced with committee members. Graeme advised that estimated date for discharge of conditions is end of May 2023. Next project meeting showing revised plans on 19th June 2023.

8. Hooper's Open Day

Discussion about whether clubs, including future pétanque, would like to take place in an open day event at the facility in the summer to promote membership. Tennis club and bowls club already having own events linked to individually sporting events. All clubs keen to be involved. Agreed that clubs will confirm involvement and volunteers via email, poll for date of session to then be arranged. Minimum of a month's notice of event for promotion in Lyden and online, etc.

ACTION: Clubs to email the assistant clerk confirming commitment and volunteers

9. Update from Sports Clubs

a. Wanborough Bowls Club

Urgent request for storage as currently nowhere suitable to keep grass cutting equipment. Suggestion of saving from cutting services could be used to purchase storage for equipment but bowls club advised that this was not an option due to financial pressures.

ACTION: Bowls club and clerk to discuss letter from parish for club to apply for funding options.

b. Wanborough Tennis Club

Membership stable with renewals currently going out. Prices have increased slightly. New treasury and chair. The supplier for the floodlights has now been decided and funding is in place so should be processing soon.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

26 members, 2 teams plus doctors team. Down on membership and have dropped midweek. 35 junior players.

d. Wanborough JFC

Still confirming logistics of joining with another club. Final announcement due after AGM in July 2023. Potential of 6 girls teams and total of 11 boys teams (9 boys teams currently). Looking into possibility on playing on other pitches to accommodate.

Meeting closed 20.35