

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion

Present: Colin Officer, Bob Biggs, John Emmins, Dave Hayward (Parish Councillors), Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Ian Butcher (Wanborough JFC)

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

Minute Ref: HF/01/23/

1. Apologies: Geoff Sanders (Wanborough Bowls Club)
2. Declaration of interest: No interests declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No questions received

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 10th October 2022 confirmed
4. Report of actions from previous meeting
 - 4.1 Tennis court safety surround repair: Handyman has tidied broken pieces and tennis club satisfied.
 - 4.3 Tennis court lights: Discussion on whether LED replacement is maintenance or capital project. Clubs advising whole system to be changed therefore capital project. Tennis club will discuss further with clerk.
 - 4.5 Review bins at Hooper's: **Approved for clerk to order bin with allen key lock. For each club to be issued with a key and one kept in the keysafe.**
 - 6 Update on break in: Chelworth installation date pending, and bowls club satisfied.
 - 6.1 Discussion on CCTV for facility: **Assistant clerk to discuss with security company regulations for surveillance as children using facility.**
 - 7 Dogs of lead policy: **Assistant clerk to organise a thank you note to be featured in the Lyden and social media.**
 - 8 Hooper's Field Wifi: **Assistant clerk to enquire about alternative options.**
 - 9 Leases for clubs: **Clerk to circulate letter after further discussion with Grahame Luxton.**

5. Hooper's Field Project

John Emmins advised that the working party met with Robert Buckland on 23rd December and the meeting went very well. The clerk and assistant clerk will be holding drop-in sessions for the community to look around the facility, review the plans and ask questions.

Graeme Luxton provided an update on application to discharge conditions and confirmed that he is aiming to submit an application to Swindon Borough Council mid-February. Phase 1 will include, installation of a temporary access into the facility, new storage units, floodlights for courts 3&4, cricket nets and pétanque terrain.

ACTION: If clubs would like to supply leaflets/information to be displayed at the drop-in sessions to help promote their clubs, please email details to assistant clerk/clerk.

Georgia Wheeler
Assistant Clerk

6. Update from Sports Clubs

a. Wanborough Bowls Club

Membership started in January which takes a few months to finalise but looking similar to previous year. Club taking over maintenance of green and buying own mower. Club seeking more substantial storage for this equipment with Hooper's Project plans.

Raised issue of tree maintenance bordering Rotten Row.

ACTION: Assistant clerk to report tree maintenance to SBC.

b. Wanborough Tennis Club

Membership static with age range of 20-30s lowest. 24 winter matches.

- Update on LED floodlights on courts 1&2 and new floodlights on courts 3&4: Partially discussed under 'report of actions from previous meeting'. Further discussed was had in relation to what was seen a bigger priority and preference for works to be undertaken at same time.

- Wooden edging around exterior of courts: Discussed under 'report of actions from previous meeting'

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

2 Wanborough team playing next season and hospital team. Will be running a junior session.

d. Wanborough JFC

Significant growth. Focus towards female football with potential of some established female teams joining.

ACTION: Ground maintenance to be added to agenda of meeting on 17th April.

Other matter raised at meeting

Following discussion of ground maintenance, it was suggested for this to be a regular point on the agenda to monitor the condition over the years including drainage.

Discussion about the Parish creating a maintenance reserve for large costs needed by clubs.

ACTION: Clubs to compile a list of timelines and costs of equipment maintenance for the Parish to view.

Meeting closed 20.37