

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Hooper's Field Project Committee meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Hooper's Field starting at 7.30pm

Present: : John Emmins (Chairman), Omar Mirza, John Warr, Colin Offer and Kathy Glanville (Wanborough Parish Councillors), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Lee Herring (Wanborough Petanque and Wanborough JFC), Graham Luxton (resident & adviser) Melanie Brough (Wanborough Tennis Club).

Minute Ref:  
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1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Angela Raymond (Clerk) and approved at the meeting  
Absent: Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club),
2. Declaration of interest: None declared

#### **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

*No public questions*

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Committee unanimously agreed the minutes from last meeting 13th February 2023

4. Planning application – Discharge of conditions

GRAEME LUXTON GAVE A Short update confirming:

- Conservation issues resolved
- Landscaping and highways – minor tweaks to satisfy the planning team
- Safe Unloading procedures agreed
- Wheelwash – disposal of water has been proposed and accepted.

Details of the SWA quote to move sewerage and associate ground works reviewed and noted.

5. Revised Plans

Graham Luxton confirmed the Original SWA design currently has planning consent. By variance to the plan it may be possible to add an extra extension to close the corner from the front entrance to the tennis courts. Graham L shared the new revised plans for consideration

Key changes included:

- Seating and bar area extended and open to bowls club
- Community office moved location – Parish office
- Meeting and seminar room
- New hall which is approx. half as big again as the existing Village Hall
- MUGA to sit over the site management footings.

John Errington raised concerns about security having the bowls area open to seating area.

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Omar mirza requested, being new to the committee, to understand the business case and how these changes would impact it. Graham Luxton explained that the new design allowed access to wider funding sources. In that the use of the hall for more community driven sporting activities like Yoga, badminton etc, it would help to better secure funding. Also allows Hot desking – work location.

Paul P raised the issues around costs to bowls, tennis and cricket and football. Cricket club does not use the facilities. Will these plans ensure reduction of cost to maintain the building. Graham explained that the new design will reduce costs given it will be zero carbon.

The real costs of maintaining the facility were discussed and it was agreed

**Action:** to circulate with these minutes the spreadsheet of last year’s accounts detailing costs for hoops field.

## 6. Revised Plans

Goal to tick sports England box. Other sports that might help were possible running clubs. Promotion of sports and facilities to encourage participation by older generation.

- Muga pitch, extra hall. (s106 monies - £10K available)
- Single parking area
- Move pétanque to tennis court side.

Possibility of leases was discussed, so each club could access their own funding.

## 7. Cost proposal

The revised plans are unlikely to increase costs.

- £1.6m to build
- £150K MUGA pitch
- £118,000 for drainage
- £9,000 planning

## 8. No notes

## 9. Funding and Grants

£4,800 secured towards pétanque (community funds)

Community first – landfill trust – in progress which includes temp access and car park, storage units External, flood lights tennis 3 and 4, pétanque terrain, cricket net facility.

£40k application to ? has been accepted and reached stage 1 (shortlisting), now goes to Panel. More detail requested.

£4,000 grant – Buckingham – community initiatives has been requested.

Lottery Community fund – proposed to ask for £550k . Application not submitted

Sports England - Application not submitted. No limit. Require to use the revised design.

Original Vs Revised Design

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Sport England applications closed until march 2023. This gives 9 months to review and change the plans.

Omar, and John E proposed:

**Action:** The committee should - Check the integrity of the new proposed plans. Do a formal consultation with the village. Consultation to get ideas of how the space could be used. Then revise the business case and running cost modelling. Activity to be completed in 6 months to allow bid for Sports England funding.

The Committee unanimously agreed

**Proposal:** John Errington and Kathy Glanville - Explore lease options. Unanimously agreed.

**Action:** John E will circulate an example lease

Signage

Could the handyman put up 2 signs on Front and side corner of building?

#### AOB

Graham H raised the poor drainage on the field. Discussion around solution, with additional drainage channels added between existing channels. This solution will require digging up the field. Possible better solution is using cross slits to improve drainage. Could the committee look at alternative suppliers.

Next Meeting TBC once there is an update on the planning application.

Meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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