

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field Project Committee meeting held on Monday 6th December at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present: John Emmins (Chairman), Bob Biggs, Kathy Glanville (Parish Councillors), Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club & Cricket Club), David Halfhead (Resident).

In Attendance: Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk), 1 member of public

1 Apologies: Mike Webster, Colin Offer (Parish Councillors), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Lee Herring (Petanque & Wanborough JFC), David Adams (Resident)

2 Declaration of interest: None declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions

3. Update on the Planning Application and permission granted

John Emmins confirmed that planning permission for the expansion and improvements at Hooper's Field was granted in October 2021, there are a few conditions but there is nothing we wouldn't expect for an application like this. He confirmed that an additional survey needs to be carried out prior to the installation of the new floodlights and he has asked Parish Council to consider allocating funds to cover this in the precept for next year.

4. Business case working party update

John Emmins confirmed that the Business Case working party includes, himself, Paul Penfold, Lee Herring, David Adams and Parish Clerk. A few meetings have been held and work is progressing on the business case. John confirmed that Paul and Angela have also met to discuss the financial information that needs to be included.

John Emmins confirmed that Tennis Club have now sent in their section of the Business Case.

John Emmins stated that the aim is to get the Business Case completed so that this will then be used as part of the grant applications.

5. To discuss funding options available for the project

A discussion took place in relation to the grants that are currently available and the committee will be looking in more detail, as follows:-

- Sports England – Strategic Facilities Fund – Clerk confirmed that this is for larger projects, the application process is long and a considerable amount of forms to complete.
- National Lottery Awards For All – Smaller grants available of up to £10k
- Community First – Landfill Tax Credit – Clerk confirmed that the application process is considerably easier than Lottery funding and she has gained grants for other projects in the village using this. Lee Herring is currently gaining quotes for a Petanque Terrain which would be a good example of something this grant would support.
- Sporting Bodies – A discussion took place in relation to what funding might be available from sporting bodies. Gordon Heywood stated that the LTA have put a hold on capital projects which is why the Tennis Club have started to fundraise themselves, as the moment they are up to about 16% of the total project cost for the floodlights.
- Other options – S106 – Bob Biggs confirmed that he was hoping to have an update from the NEV meeting but this has been postponed to later in the week. He confirmed that now Wanborough Parish Council have gained permission SBC Planning Officers have agreed to discuss funding from S106 and this is one of the items he is due to discuss with them.

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- Other options – Bob Biggs confirmed that he has found a list of other companies that could be approached for funding.

A resident who attended the meeting confirmed that he has worked on a number of similar projects and has contacts at Sports England. He confirmed that he was willing to help with this project as a local resident and keen sports person. Details of the planning application was provided and he confirmed that he was going to go away and look at the plans in more detail. Committee thanked him for his input and encouraged him to continue to attend these meetings as we would appreciate his help especially with the previous experience and expertise.

6. To set future action points for the project.

A discussion took place in relation to gaining support for the project especially in relation to compiling and completing grant applications. It was confirmed that Sports England are going to be one of the main application that will need to be completed, they are done in rounds and once you have submitted an application it is several months until they allow you to submit another if you are not successful so you need to get it right first time.

Action: Committee to put forward a recommendation for Parish Council to consider allocating funds in the Precept for 2022/23 for a “Pre Contracts Project Manager”.

7. The committee agreed that they wanted the next meeting to be in February 2022.

Action: Clerk to confirm date.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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