

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Hooper's Field Committee meeting held on
On Monday 11th June 2018 at 19.30
At Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion

Present: Colin Offer (Chairperson), Bob Biggs, Colin Hayes, John Emmins, Roger Whitfield (Parish Councillors), Chris Davis (Wanborough Bowls Club), Andy Clinning (Wanborough Cricket Club), Gary Sumner (Wanborough JFC)

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

1. Apologies
Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Jane Flew & Gordon Heyward (Wanborough Tennis Club)
2. To appoint Chairperson
Bob Biggs nominated Colin Offer, Colin Hayes seconded; Colin Offer was duly appointed Chairperson for this committee.
3. GDPR
Clerk circulated a privacy notice for Hooper's Field Licence holders; it was agreed that all clubs would read and provide feedback.
4. Grounds Maintenance contracts
Nothing to report.
5. Review of any other maintenance issues
Driveway – Clerk confirmed that Parish Council have repaired one area of the driveway and this seems to have been successful therefore Parish Council have agreed to repair the other areas where the green base has lifted.
Dug outs – These will be repaired once Parish Council have recruited a new Lengthsman.
Post next to Bowls Green – Colin Offer agreed to take this away.
6. Update from Hooper's Field Project Committee
John Emmins provided an update; he confirmed that the committee has met twice so far. So far they have concentrated on collecting information, visiting other local facilities and gaining ideas. Their next meeting is on Wednesday 13th June; there is still currently one vacancy for a resident to join the committee.
A discussion took place about appointing a Project Manager. John Emmins confirmed that the committee would like to establish exactly what they want before going out to tender for a Project Manager.
Colin Offer confirmed that funding will come from S106 money (from developments), grants and support from the Borough Council. John Emmins confirmed that one of the requirements for the role of the Project Manager / Expert would be to help the committee apply for grants.
7. To discuss Open Day held on 20th May 2018
Colin Offer confirmed that the event went very well; thanks to Mary Pribyl from the Bowls Club for organising. Gary Sumner felt that there needed to be more input from Parish Council and all clubs to make this a successful event. The Zumba organiser unfortunately cancelled just two days before the event, stating that she didn't feel the event had been advertised well enough.
Colin Offer felt that the event needed new ideas to try and encourage better participation and this is something that can be discussed for next year.
Andy Clinning confirmed that, as the Open Day is held on a Sunday in the middle of the Cricket season, he will never be able to attend as he will have a cricket fixture and cannot be in two places at once.

8. Club Reports

a. Wanborough Tennis Club

Tennis Club had submitted a report in their absence.

A few of the committee had resigned: Jane Howes (Chairperson), the secretary and membership secretary. Jane Flew is now the new Chairperson and Gordon Heyward is Vice-Chairperson; they also have a new secretary and membership secretary.

They have entered 3 men's teams, 2 mixed and 1 ladies into the Swindon & District summer league.

They currently have 133 members, but renewals are still coming in.

b. Wanborough Bowls Club

Bowls Club confirmed that their current Chairperson, Mary Pribyl, has stepped down and they have had difficulty in finding a replacement from the Parish.

After a discussion it was agreed to put a proposal to Full Council to change Licence Agreement to allow the Chairperson to be someone from outside the Parish, provided there are still other members from the Parish on the committee.

They currently have 96 members of which 76 are playing members and 19 from Wanborough.

Bowls Club confirmed that they are having problems with the bowls green; they asked if the Bowls Club could take on the green maintenance, subject to discussing the financial arrangements. After a discussion it was agreed that Clerk would provide Bowls Club with a copy of the green maintenance contract and the Clerk would contact the Green Keeper asking if he would be happy to have one representative from the Bowls Club who could liaise with him with their concerns. Bob Biggs confirmed that Bowls Club cannot request any additional work that would result in additional cost without prior consent.

Clerk confirmed that the electrical problem on the water irrigation system has been fixed and is now all working.

Bowls Club confirmed that mice have been seen in the kitchen area.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

They have two junior teams U11's and U13's, they have two teams playing in the Wiltshire League and one mid-week team.

Cricket Club confirmed that there has been a huge improvement in the grass cutting this season; they confirmed that the contractor seems to be making an extra effort to get it right this year.

Cricket Club asked why the sports field has been verti-drained earlier in the day; they felt that the field is currently very dry and it is completely the wrong time of year to carry out this work. Clerk confirmed that she would check with the contractor. (Clerk subsequently confirmed that the contractor was overseeding and fertilising the field, not verti-draining).

Cricket Club raised concern about the damage to the outfield with the additional football training on the sports field. They asked if they could extend the roped off area around the cricket square to protect a larger area.

Gary Sumner felt that there was very little damage on the outfield and the football club are very careful not to cause too much damage.

d. Wanborough Football Club

Clerk confirmed that the Sunday adult team has folded; they have been struggling for the last few years, but last season they were unable to play some fixtures due to lack of players which was very costly in fines. Colin Offer confirmed that this is a shame as there has been a Wanborough adult football team in the village for a very long time.

Colin Offer confirmed that this will leave a shortfall in the current year's budget but that Parish Council have received interest from a Saturday adult football team.

- e. Wanborough Junior Football Club
Wanborough JFC confirmed that they currently have 11 teams (180 players). They will have 4 teams using Hooper's Field next season; U18's, two U16's and U15's. They have just had their Charter Standard status renewed. They now have a new secretary in place; contact details to be provided.
The club is a key partner in the Swindon Town in the Community project for new 3g pitches at the County Ground. Work is due to commence on the driveway in July, with construction work commencing by next May. This will give them better training facilities than they are currently using at Dorcan.
They are due to hold their AGM on 7th July at Lower Rec.
The small playing pitch at Hooper's Field, although it has improved by moving it this year, still gets very wet especially near the Woodland Trust area. The club felt that the money Parish Council paid to have the pitches "verti-drained" was not money well spent and has not improved the drainage issue. The larger pitch by the tennis courts is better and luckily games that could not be played on the small pitch were moved to this pitch.
A question was raised in relation to the number of teams that will be training on a Saturday at Hooper's Field next season. It was confirmed that all 4 would train at Hooper's Field, which is an increase of 1 from last year; all training takes place in the morning.
A discussion took place in relation to the application for a new Saturday team to use the pitch. The Saturday team would have an afternoon kick off which wouldn't clash with training, plus this would mean more flexibility for the junior teams on Sunday, especially now that there are 4 teams. Parish Council also need to consider the financial impact and another adult team would help.
Wanborough JFC confirmed that they currently pay for both pitches to be marked out and felt that if a Saturday team played on them they would "trash" the lines before being used on Sunday. They also raised concern about the cleaning of the changing rooms.

9. Financial Statement to 31st March 2018

Financial Statement to 31st March 2018 was circulated was circulated. Clerk confirmed the amount of money Parish Council allocate out of the precept to Hooper's Field, also confirming the total overspend for 2017/18. Parish Council confirmed that they want to sit down with each of the clubs to discuss their direct costs to try and ensure the facility does not continue to overspend. Gary Sumner stated that he would like to see the breakdown of the grounds maintenance cost for all areas not just the sports field.

10. Any other business

None

Hooper's Field Club representatives left the meeting

Other Recreation – Lower Recreation Field & Church Meadow

1. Play area inspections

Clerk confirmed that she has arranged for one tonne of new play bark to be delivered to Lower Rec that needs moving to the play area. Parish Council agreed to meet at 16.00 on Saturday 16th June. The wooden posts around the play area are starting to rot and some have come out completely leaving gaps. Clerk confirmed that the regulations no longer state that play areas have to be fenced in, however where the posts have come out it leaves the safety surface open to further damage. Parish Council agreed to inspect on Saturday 16th June .

2. Grass cutting contract

Clerk confirmed that Wanborough JFC have asked if they can arrange extra grass cuts at Church Meadow, but they would only be cutting the football pitch area; Parish Council agreed. Bob Biggs confirmed that Parish Council need to check with Wanborough Show as to what they would like.

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Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

3. Football goal mouths
Parish Council agreed to gain quotes to repair the goal mouths at Hooper's Field and Lower Rec.
4. Football nets
Parish Council agreed to gain quotes to replace football nets at Lower Rec and Church Meadow.
5. Saturday football team – Hooper's Field
Parish Council discussed whether to allow the application from a new Saturday football team to use Hooper's Field for 2018/19 season. Parish Council agreed that with four junior teams playing on Sunday it will be very difficult for another team to play on a Sunday therefore a Saturday team would be a good option, plus it would cover the income which will be lost from the Wanborough adult team folding.
Clerk confirmed that the Saturday football team are due to contact her on the following day for a decision, as they will need to know one way or another.
Colin Offer suggested giving Wanborough JFC the option to pay the additional £600 (plus VAT) which would then give them exclusive usage of the facility. Concern was raised as to whether a reply could be received in time, however Colin Offer thought this would be possible.
Parish Council agreed to offer the option to Wanborough JFC, however an affirmative reply would be needed by Tuesday, otherwise Parish Council agreed to offer the pitch to the Saturday football team. *ACTION* Colin Offer to e-mail Wanborough JFC immediately after the meeting.

Meeting closed 21.15
Next meeting 15th October 2018.