

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the HOOPER'S FIELD AND RECREATION committee meeting held on 12th
October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Colin Offer, Colin Hayes, Bob Biggs, John Emmins (Parish Councillors), Geoff Sanders, Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Gordon Hayward, Susan Chapman (Wanborough Tennis Club), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC).

1. Apologies – Roger Whitfield (Parish Councillor), Ian Butcher (Wanborough JFC).
2. Declaration of interest:
No interests declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions

3. Parish Council update
Colin Offer asked the committee if they could let him know if they have any ideas as to how to improve the pond area at the far end of the sports field. He said access to the crate is very difficult now and you used to be able to walk around the pond. Nick Salter stated that it is difficult when they lose a ball in this area.
4. Update from Hooper's Field Project Committee
 - a. John Emmins gave an update on the progress with the draft plans for Hooper's Field expansion. Plans have been circulated to all clubs and were viewed at the meeting. Clubs provided the following feedback:-
 - Bowls Club – They would like a Veranda / outside space, suggested location along the boundary between the green and sports field. They will need locked storage for their bar supplies, they asked if an additional storage area could be put between the two changing rooms. They felt the main hall 2 would not be large enough for all bowls club events, it was confirmed that the dividing wall can be opened to allow usage of the main hall 1. A discussion took place in relation to adding another dividing wall but with no run lines along the floor in main hall 1 to add further flexibility.
 - Cricket Club – Outside storage they will need two of the units.
 - Tennis Club – They would like additional tennis courts as the club is expanding with additional coaches and they have a need for more court space. A discussion took place as to where the courts could be located. John Emmins confirmed he would discuss with the architect to see if there is room in front of courts 3 & 4 but access to the sport field for grounds maintenance would need to be maintained.
They asked if new plans include LED flood lights for courts 1 & 2, Clerk confirmed that plans will include this.

The plans are due to be presented to residents to ask for their feedback, consultation is likely to be from mid-November.

5. Grounds Maintenance
Clerk confirmed the maintenance work that had been carried out since the last meeting:-
 - Verti-draining, fertilizing and over seeding of the sports field;
 - Trees along the edge of the sports field have been cut back;
 - Dead tree has been removed from the car park;
 - Hedges have been cut along driveway and around bowls green;

Angela Raymond
Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

Clerk confirmed that Parish Council are due to go out to tender for the grass cutting contract, something the Parish Council do every 3 years, if there are any contractors that anyone would like to recommend then please let the Clerk know.

It was noted that the sports field is in good condition at the moment.

6. Wanborough JFC's – Update on the proposal to move the junior pitches to Hooper's Field. Lee Herring confirmed they had a meeting with Andy Clinning from Cricket Club to discuss the location of junior pitches at Hooper's Field.
7. CLUB REPORTS:
 - a. Wanborough Tennis Club
Club is doing well, they have increased membership, 3 coaches, and new membership tariffs which has helped gain new members.
 - b. Wanborough Bowls Club
They are now closed for the season, no social events planned for the winter. Treasurer confirmed that it has been a financially challenging year. They hope it will be back to normal next year otherwise it will be extremely tight for them.
 - c. Wanborough Cricket Club
Their season was significantly reduced from 16 weeks of fixtures to just 6. They now have enough membership for three teams. Significant resources are needed to maintain the grounds.
 - d. Wanborough Junior Football Club
They currently have one team playing at Hooper's. They are looking to move junior pitches to Hooper's as well and they had a meeting with cricket club to discuss this.
 - e. Priory Vale FC
New season has started, new goals are good, trees have been cut back along the edge of the pitch. They are playing league matches with all the cup matches moved to the end of the season. They asked if the changing rooms could be opened. Clerk confirmed government guidance doesn't recommend changing rooms to be open, obviously guidance is always changing so if he aware of anything that allows them to be opened then to email them to her.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.