

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field and Recreation Committee meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019.

Present: Colin Offer (Chair), Colin Hayes, Bob Biggs, Roger Whitfield, John Emmins (Parish Councillors), Jane Flew, Gordon Heywood (Wanborough Tennis Club), Brian Clarke, Geoff Sanders (Wanborough Bowls Club), Andy Clinning (Wanborough Cricket Club)

1. Apologies: None

2. Parish Council update:-

- a. Licence Agreements 2019/20 – Clerk circulated new licence agreements for 2019/20 confirming that the main change is in relation to the number of committee members from the Parish. It now states that there should be at least 1 (ideally 2) members on the clubs management committee from Wanborough Parish.

3. Update from Hooper's Field Project Committee

John Emmins provided an update confirming that the Project Manager is in the process of completing his feasibility report which is due to be completed at the end of May. Clubs have all been contacted and confirmed that they were happy with their meeting with the Project Manager. Clerk confirmed that the questionnaire is now closed with 68 completed which is lower than last time but hopefully will provide the information needed for the Project Manager.

John Emmins confirmed that the Project Manager will be doing a presentation to residents at Wanborough Parish Council's Annual Assembly on Monday 13th May where there will be an opportunity for residents to raise questions.

4. Grounds Maintenance:-

Clerk confirm that the grass cutting contract has commenced with weekly cuts on the sports field and all other areas such as the car park cut every two weeks. S Merrett will also be carrying out additional maintenance to the sports field on 23rd April but this date is dependent on weather and ground conditions.

Other maintenance carried out since the last meeting:-

- Car park and driveway has been repaired
- Roof replaced on football dug outs.
- Trees have been cut back away from the football pitch
- PAT and fixed wire testing has been completed

A request was made to remove the broken wooden fence from around the tennis courts – *Action Point*

Andy Clinning raised a concern about the outfield, this was discussed and agreed to wait for the work to be completed by S Merrett at the end of April and see what the outfield is like after this.

Clerk confirmed that S Merrett doesn't recommend rolling the sports field, there is also the problem that there isn't a gap between football finishing and Cricket starting so there isn't much time to repair any damage caused by football. – *Action Clerk to meet with Andy Clinning to look at outfield.*

5. CLUB REPORTS:

a. Wanborough Tennis Club

They currently have in the region of 116 renewals which is down overall from last year but similar number as last year at about this time, they do expect more to join in the coming weeks.

They will be holding an open day on 18th May 2019 in line with the LTA who like clubs to hold an annual open day event to promote tennis.
They have a safeguarding audit at the end of the month. They recently held their AGM and appointed a new treasurer and a couple of other new members onto the committee.
They have entered 5 teams into the summer league, 3 mens, 2 ladies and 1 mixed.

b. Wanborough Bowls Club

Playing membership is down by 2, with a total of 68 playing members and 23 social members.

Their new contractor, Avon has been working on the green and have confirmed that they would like the club to keep off the green for another week, so they plan to open this weekend (20th April).

They have a planned visit from the school,

Colin Hayes asked how the club encourages new members. They confirmed that it is difficult, they are looking to improve their website, and they invite groups to the club to try out bowls to encourage new members.

Colin Offer suggested that they put an article in the Lyden magazine or to arrange for a photo of what goes on at Hooper's on the front page, this can be done by contacting the editor of the Lyden.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

They are unsure what their membership will be until the start of the season which is in May. They are limited in the number of adult members they can have due to the number of teams so their senior membership will be in the region of 25-35 members. They have two teams playing at the weekend and one mid-week team playing on a Thursday.

Total junior member's is more flexible and they will have a better idea of how many junior members after their registration day at the end of April. They plan to have an U11's and U13's team again this season, although they are worried that they don't have enough players for the U13's.

d. Wanborough Junior Football Club

No representative at the meeting.

A question was raised as to who is new Chairperson, Parish Council confirmed that they hadn't been informed. Colin Hayes stated that it is important that a representative attends this meeting, this is the second meeting that they have missed with no apologies received.

6. Any other business

Brian Clarke stated that cars are parking along the tarmac footpath to the bowls club which causes problems for their members, he also stated that they have a member who uses a disability scooter who was unable to use the path due to cars parking. Club to remind their members not to park there, but agreed to review this as it could also be people who walk their dogs rather than members.

Meeting closed at 20.07