



WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the HOOPER'S FIELD AND RECREATION committee meeting held virtually via
Zoom on
ON MONDAY 6th July 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Colin Offer (Chairperson), Colin Hayes, Roger Whitfield, Bob Biggs, John Emmins (Wanborough Parish Council), Jane Flew (Wanborough Tennis Club), Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Ian Butcher (Wanborough JFC), Nick Salter (Priory Vale FC).

In attendance: Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk), Mark Simpson & Dave Hayward

1. Apologies: Andy Clinning & Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club)
2. Declaration of interest: No declaration of interest received from Parish Councillors.

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions

3. Parish Council update
 - a. Colin Offer gave a brief update confirming that current Government guidance for sports facilities is that they should remain closed.
Brian Clarke (Bowls Club) confirmed that they would like to open their bar as this is a source of income for the Club. Colin Offer confirmed that it would not be possible to open parts of the pavilion and, as Government guidance states Sports Facilities should be closed, then there is nothing that can be done as the Parish Council has to follow these rules. Parish Council will review the guidance as and when it changes.
Parish Council confirmed that hand sanitisers have been purchased and these will be installed at the main entrance and side entrance. Bob Biggs confirmed that he will be installing them.
4. Update from Hooper's Field Project Committee

John Emmins provided an update confirming that the draft plans have been circulated to all clubs for their initial comments and he thanked everyone for their replies.
Parish Council will collate all feedback and send this to the designer who will make minor amendments to the plans. Parish Council are aiming to have some more detailed plans ready by September when hopefully it will be possible to present them to residents.
5. Grounds Maintenance

Clerk confirmed that grass cutting contract has been carried out as normal, plus the sports field has been verti-drained, fertilized and overseeded, and is looking in good condition at the moment. Nick Salter confirmed that he has gained a grant to repair the goal mouth at the tennis court end of the football pitch.
6. Wanborough JFC's request for additional junior football pitches at Hooper's Field

Ian Butcher confirmed that Wanborough JFC would like to make Hooper's Field their sports hub with all football matches being played at Hooper's Field. This would mean moving junior matches to Hooper's Field, with additional junior pitches being marked out.
Colin Offer confirmed that this will need some consideration, plus the Cricket Club will need to provide their feedback.

Action: Clerk to send Wanborough JFC plans for Hooper's Field to Wanborough Cricket Club asking for their feedback.

A discussion took place in relation to training. Ian Butcher confirmed that Wanborough JFC can't use the school and they have decided not to use the County Ground at the moment. Clerk confirmed that she had offered Hooper's Field while Cricket Club are not using it and Church Meadow as there would be more space at these two locations.

Priory Vale FC confirmed they are training at Hooper's Field with the understanding that this will stop once cricket re-commences.

7. CLUB REPORTS:

a. Wanborough Tennis Club

Jane Flew confirmed that tennis was able to re-start from beginning of May following the LTA guidelines, which have been very helpful and are updated regularly.

They have just held their AGM and Lucy Swinburn is the new Chairperson for the club.

Membership income is down by about 30%. They have approximately 126 members and 1 to 1 coaching has re-commenced.

Tennis Club are keen to have new flood lights for courts 3 and 4 and hope this will be included as part of the development project. John Emmins confirmed that they are.

b. Wanborough Bowls Club

Brian Clarke confirmed that they were able to partially open from mid-May; they now have a booking system in place and have started an internal competition.

Their membership year starts from January so all members paid prior to the pandemic and their membership has remained unaffected, however they have no match fee income or income from the bar.

Bowls Club have been able to gain a grant of £3.5k from Sports England which will go towards the maintenance of the green.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

No representative at the meeting

d. Wanborough Junior Football Club

Ian Butcher confirmed that they are going to lose their U17 team with the remaining players merging with the U18's. This means there will be 2 x U18 teams using Hooper's Field next season. Their season is still due to start on 6th September. This means they will have teams from U7's to U12's, but then there is a gap until U18's.

Their monthly fees have mostly continued, plus they have had a saving due to not having to pay for the County Ground training pitch for the last 3 months.

A question was raised as to whether they will need to use the smaller pitch. It was agreed that it would be better if this was a full size 11v11 pitch rather than the current 9v9 size.

e. Priory Vale FC

Nick Salter confirmed that the goal posts have been purchased. The aim is to have them padlocked together with the nets on the posts and then just wheeled out for each match, but if there are signs of wind damage then this will be reviewed.

Their season is due to potentially commence on 5th September

They are currently training at Hooper's Field on a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.