

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL HOOPER'S FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on MONDAY 10th April 2017

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Present: Mr Colin Offer (Chairperson), Donna Stalker (Wanborough Parish Council), Mr Andy Thompson, Mr Andy Clinning (Wanborough Cricket Club), Mrs Mary Pribyl, Mrs Jacki Stokes, Mr Steve Stokes (Wanborough Bowls Club), Mrs Jane Howes (Wanborough Tennis Club), Clerk

1. Apologies: Mr Colin Hayes, Mr Roger Whitfield, Mr Mark Simpson (Wanborough Parish Council), Mr Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Gary Sumner (Wanborough Junior Football Club), Tony Law (Wanborough Football Club)
2. Hooper's Field Expansion Project Update – Colin Offer confirmed that at the last Parish Council meeting Parish Councillors voted against appointing a Project Manager. Clerk confirmed that Parish Council received two quotes; one for £5.5k and the other for £42k, plus one quote that did not provide any monetary value for a Project Manager. As Parish Council had not received three quotes they would not have been in a position to appoint a Project Manager anyway, however Parish Council did discuss the options at length. Colin Offer wanted Councillors to commit to around £25k spend, however the general feeling from most Councillors was that they would prefer to find out more information from Clubs and residents in the village as to what they would like included within the expansion project before committing to such a large spend. Colin Offer confirmed that the project will therefore have to be put on hold.
Bowls Club raised concerns that the current kitchen, toilet and changing room facilities are not suitable for what they need and asked what will be done about this. Cricket Club felt that the clubs had provided a list of what they would like included within the project.
Discussion took place and club representatives all agreed that they understand why Parish Council would not commit to a large spend on a project manager; they had raised similar concerns themselves, as the specification was very vague and there was the concern that the Project Manager could come up with a proposal that was not what the Clubs wanted and with a much higher running cost. Donna Stalker explained her concerns and stated that Colin Offer had done a considerable amount of work on this, but she still wanted more information. Jane Howes asked Colin Offer if he would support a more scaled down project; Colin Offer felt that no matter what scale the project was it would still be expensive and in need of a Project Manager, detailed plans etc.
Clubs agreed to put together a questionnaire with the aim of circulating at Open Day, May Day Fayre, Lyden Magazine, and Parish Council's Annual Assembly; this information along with a list of requirements from the Clubs could be used to put forward a case to Parish Council as to what should be included within the project. **ACTION Clerk to check whether Parish Council would be happy with this approach, and if so to collate questions**
3. Grounds Maintenance Contract – Clerk confirmed that from 1st April 2017, Duncan Smith from SWARD will be carrying out the maintenance of the Bowls Green; and Allbuild will be carrying out the grass cutting for the sports field and surrounding area. Andy Clinning stated that the first grass cut that Allbuild carried out was good, however the second was not so good as areas were missed and they didn't go up very close to the cricket square. **ACTION Clerk to feedback this information to Allbuild**
4. Hooper's Field Car Park - Clerk confirmed that Lee Wells is no longer employed by Parish Council as a Lengthman; this is mainly due to other commitments he has which mean that he is no longer able to commit to one day a week in the village. He will continue to carry out work on a self-employed basis. Clerk has gained a quote from Lee Wells to scrape back the stones

along the driveway and dispose of either by improving the car park by the tennis courts or disposing of them at a cost of £650. It was agreed that with the cost of hiring a digger and the time it would take to carry out this work it would be unlikely to get a cheaper quote.

5. CLUB REPORTS:

a. Wanborough Tennis Club

Membership for the new season has just opened, from 1st April. They have entered 6 teams in the Swindon & District Summer League.

They had a very successful quiz night with the Cricket Club; money raised from this had been used to purchase new equipment for junior coaching.

They have their AGM on 26th April and they have been awarded 11 pairs of Wimbledon tickets which will be allocated at the AGM.

The Tennis Club recently had all courts cleaned of moss and algae at a cost of £1,473.60, plus they are due to have all four courts repaired and painted which will cost £8,660. Jane Howes quoted the terms of the licence agreement stating that Parish Council should maintain the courts, therefore she asked if Parish Council will make a contribution towards this cost. Clerk confirmed that she can add this to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 24th April, but also confirmed the benefit of Parish Council claiming back the VAT.

Jane Howes stated that their electric charge has increased considerably. She checked if this is a separate meter, and asked why the tennis club have to pay for their electric on top of their fees when no other club has to do this. Clerk confirmed that there is a separate meter for the floodlights.

b. Wanborough Bowls Club

Bowls Club open their green on Easter Saturday. In addition to entering men's and women's teams they have also arranged a number of friendly fixtures.

They are planning a new family session on Saturday mornings to encourage more people to come and try bowls.

They have a new Facebook page and Twitter account.

They recently removed the electric fence around the bowls green, and as soon as this was done a fox has damaged the green.

c. Wanborough Cricket Club

Coaching has started at the Croft for 7-15 year olds; they have two weeks left out of the 10.

Junior coaching will commence on a Wednesday; they have entered an U11's and U13's in the Wiltshire youth league.

They plan to start an All Stars Cricket session on Thursday 4-5pm.

They will have matches on a Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and coaching on Wednesdays.

They have started working on the square so that it will be ready for the first match in May.

Wanborough JFC have asked if they can continue to train for football on the sports field on a Saturday morning over the summer months; although this is not ideal for the Cricket Club, they have agreed to allow this.

d. Wanborough Football Club

No representative from the club attended this meeting

e. Wanborough Junior Football Club

No representative from the club attended, however Colin Offer reported that Gary Sumner has asked if they can move the small football pitch to the bottom (north side) of the field as they have problems with the drainage of the small pitch.

Questions were raised as to whether there is room at the bottom of the field and whether it would be too close to the footpaths. Cricket Club also stated that this will affect the area of the field that they use for the run up to the cricket square and would need to be repaired after the football season otherwise it would cause a problem. It was agreed that everyone would look at the sports field to check space and to feedback to Clerk; this can then be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk also confirmed that Gary Sumner had raised an issue with the storeroom and how tidy it is. Other Clubs agreed that this is a storeroom for everyone to use, and storerooms are never tidy, but suggested that more use of the walls to hang things up could be considered. Gary Sumner also reported that the side door is pulling from the hinges. Clerk has got Lee Wells to oil the hinges but Gary Sumner states it's still a problem. Colin Offer agreed to look at this. **ACTION Colin Offer**

6. Hooper's Field Open Day – 14th May 2017
Open Day will start at 10.30am and finish at 2.30pm. At the moment a BBQ, ice cream man and face painting have been booked. Mary Pribyl stated that she hasn't been able to get hold of Sue Smith to see if she could do a Fun Run.
Mary Pribyl asked about the bunting, and Jane Howes thought Gary Sumner arranged it through Tessa Lanstein.
Clerk suggested contacting Lorna Goodwin to see if she would do a Zumba demonstration; this was agreed.
Mary Pribyl will arrange posters, leaflets and an article in the Lyden to advertise the event.
7. Other Recreational Areas in Wanborough – nothing to report
8. Financial Report – Financial statement circulated
9. Any other business – Andy Clinning asked if the MUGA proposal has been put on hold. Colin Offer felt that there is still a possibility, even if it is a smaller MUGA for Hooper's Field. He stated that SBC had advised him that eventually all pitches will go to artificial surfaces as these are cheaper to maintain than grass sports fields.

Mary Pribyl asked if the Bowls Club could install more electric sockets in the bowls conservatory; Colin Offer stated that this would be fine provided they are installed by a qualified electrician. Jane Howes raised the question as to why the Bowls Club have all these electrical appliances and do not get charged for their electric but the Tennis Club do. It was confirmed that Tennis Club are charged only for the floodlights, no other electric, as this was the agreement when the floodlights were installed.

Meeting closed 9.15pm
Next Meeting Monday 3rd July 2017