



# Wanborough Parish Council

Welcome to the Annual Parish Assembly

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Chairman
- Chairman's Report
- Committee Reports
- Question & Answers



# Chairman's Report

- Challenges faced this year
  - i. Opening of Southern Connector Road
  - ii. Flooding issues
  - iii. Ongoing Construction work for the New Eastern Villages
  - iv. Resignation of the Clerk and Councillors
  - v. Transfer of services
- New Councillors and Clerk
  - Debra Maslin and Martin Rowley
  - Tracy Smith – Clerk and RFO
  - Documentation and Processes
  - New accounting system
- Highlights during the year
  - i. Match funding for Sports Equipment
  - ii. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
  - iii. WiFi and Security Cameras at Hoopers Field
  - iv. Park Yoga
  - v. Retender for village maintenance contract
  - vi. Fencing of Church Meadow Play Area

# Staffing Committee Report



- Who are we?
- What do we do?
- Looking back at the last year
  - Angela Raymond Resignation in May 23
  - Julie Flenley - Locum August to November 2023
  - Sarah Hardwick – Full time September to Jan 24
  - Helen Broughton – Locum since Jan 24
  - Tracy Smith – Full time Clerk and RFO appointed March 24

# Planning Report



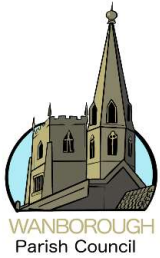
- **New Eastern Villages – Planning applications**

- Lotmead – Public Inquiry starts 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Green Land (Land East of Wanborough Road) – WPC commented on revised application in February.
- Land North of Redlands – a revised Hybrid Application expected soon.
- Redlands – WPC commented 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase in February and SBC currently working through conditions.
- Redlands Primary School
- Foxbridge South – Outline planning application has been granted. Design Code expected soon.
- Foxbridge North – The Planning Inspector allowed an appeal by the developers.

- **Southern Connector Road** – Ongoing surveys and reports regarding drainage and other technical matters. No date given for SCR opening but could be many months.

- **SBC Local Plan Review 2036 – Timetable**

- Summer 2024 – Public consultation: Scope, Issues and Preferred Options
- Winter 2024 – Public consultation on Pre-submission
- June 2025 – Submission to Secretary of State
- Autumn/Winter 2025 – Examination in Public
- Spring 2026 – Inspector's Report
- Spring/Summer 2026 - Adoption

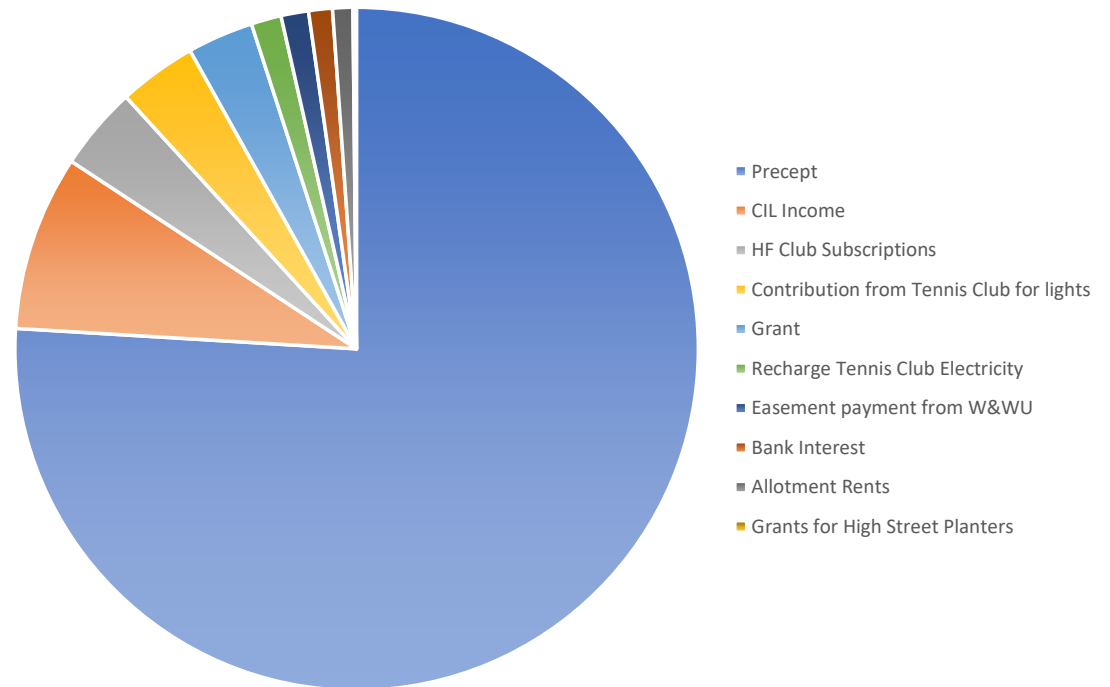


# Finance Report

Income – Financial Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

- Majority of Parish Council's income is from Precept and CTS Grant, £116k
- CIL Income, £13k
- Hooper's Field Club Subscriptions, £6k
- Contribution from Tennis Club for lights, £5.6K
- Grants, £4.8k
- Easement for Gas Pipe, £2k
- Allotment Rents Received, £1.9k

Income



Total Income £153,066

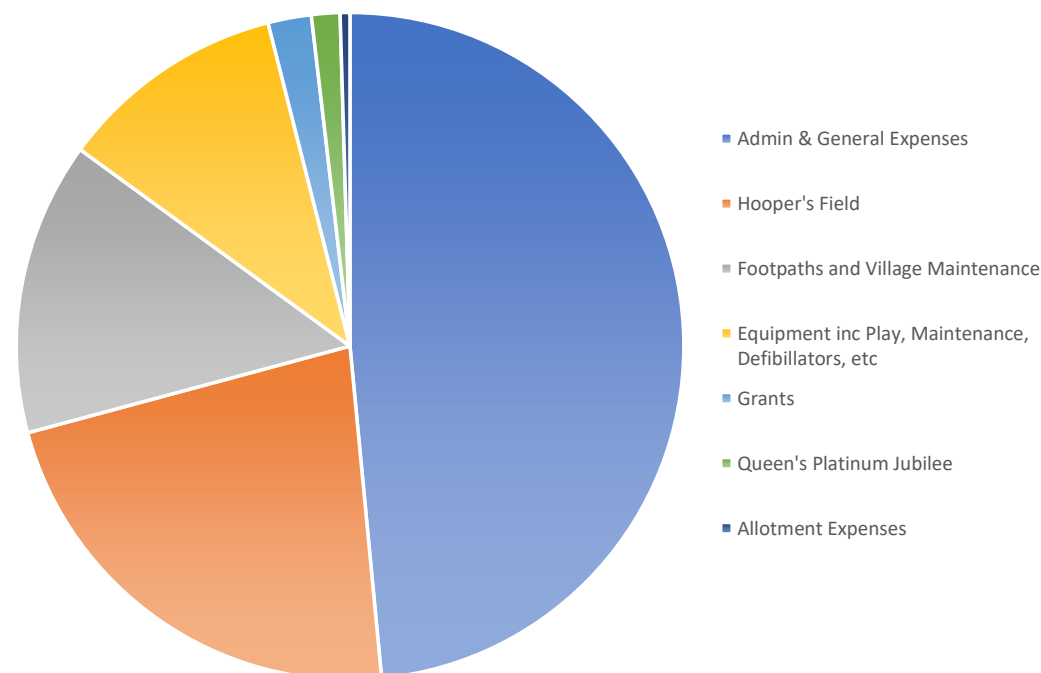


# Finance Report

## Expenditure – Financial Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

- General Admin Expenses, £67.5k
- Hooper's Field Expenses, £31.1k
- Footpaths and Village Maintenance, £19.8k
- Equipment inc. Play, Maintenance, Defibrillators, etc. £15.4K
- Grants, £2.9k
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, £1.9k
- Allotment Expenses, £569
- We have given grants including:-
  - St Andrew's Church - £1,500
  - Wanborough Junior Football Club - £600
  - Wanborough Cricket Club - £588
  - Indoor Yoga - £150
  - St Andrews Flower Club - £100
- Capital Projects include:-
  - Matched funding for replacement Tennis Club LED lights - £7,910

## Expenditure



Total Expenditure £139,273



# Finance Report

Budget for 2024/25 and  
increase in Precept for  
2024/25

S106 (Developer) funding  
from the New Eastern  
Villages



## Footpaths & Village Maintenance Report

### Improving the High Street

- Planters have been revamped for 2024
- Installing new planters

### Retendered Village Maintenance

Fencing of Church Meadow play area

Continuation of maintenance with village lengthsmen

# Footpaths & Village Maintenance



- Reviewing all parish footpaths for access, signage, navigability, blockages and general state of repair
  - Working with the Clerk to generate an online maintenance and repairs log
  - Ongoing communication and education re dog fouling on Church Meadow and Hoopers Field
  - One litter picking day with further planned
  - Hoping to engage Duke of Edinburgh volunteers to assist with checking footpath routes
  - Planning to offer public walks on longer rural walks
- **We are always keen to make improvements so please let us know what you would like to see happen in the village.**



# New Website

We are hoping to take advantage of proposed changes to the Parish Website making details of all footpath routes available online. We also hope to include:

- Ability to report faults and issues needing Parish maintenance
- Issues with footpaths and rights of way
- Ability to volunteer to assist with tasks and projects (Parish Council or local groups and organisations)

## Footpaths within Wanborough Parish

This page shows the footpaths (or more correctly public rights of way) within the parish boundary. These routes are taken from the definitive routes published by Swindon Borough Council. Further details for each route may be found by clicking 'View Path' on the relevant footpath summary.



[To report a problem or condition update on one of our footpaths click here.](#)



Footpath 1

Foxhill side of crossroads Purley Rd, Foxhill, Ridgeway

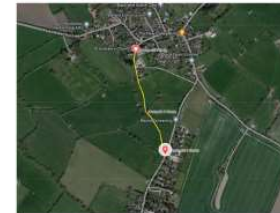
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Footpath 2

Ham Road just prior to Bell Lane (First Liddington Bend)

[View Path](#)



Footpath 3

Style on Ham Road opposite 'Westerlea' House

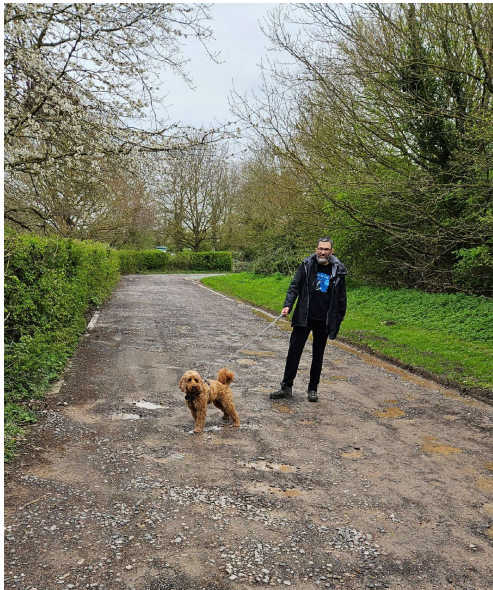
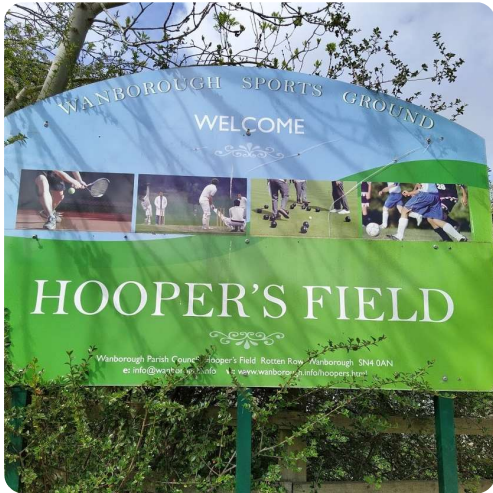
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Footpath 4

The Lynch Gate, St Andrew's Church Wanborough

[View Path](#)



# Hooper's Field Sports Facility Report

- Wanborough Sports Clubs continue to thrive:-
  - Wanborough Tennis Club maintained its increased membership, and have new £13,800 LED floodlights, partly funded by the PC
  - Wanborough Junior Football Club have new goal posts, partly funded by the PC. The membership stands at over 200
  - Wanborough Cricket Club will play two teams this current season; it has 35 adult members and 20 junior members
  - Wanborough Bowls Club have had the high hedge cut to half its height; this club will now be responsible for maintaining the hedge as well as the grounds
- Parish Council maintain the HF facility and now have a 3-year grounds maintenance contract with All Build
- Park Yoga is to be part-funded by the PC for one more year
- Dogs on Leads Policy is working effectively
- The Driveway potholes require a permanent solution
- WiFi now available/cameras and doorbell installed

# Hooper's Field Expansion Project Report



## **Project Progress**

- Amalgamation of the two HF committees to promote shared ideas

## **Project Aims**

- Improve sports facilities
- Improve participation numbers;
- Improve community facilities to increase letting income
- Improve financial performance



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# Hooper's Field Driveway Project Report

## Project Progress

- AllBuild contractors have performed two temporary fixes on the driveway
- Funding has been approved from the 2024 Parish budget as well as part funding from the clubs, for a permanent solution

## Permanent solution

- Quotes received varying from £12,000 to £25,000
- These quotes have varying specifications
- A new specification has been sent out to tender
- *More areas will need looking at in the future*



# Allotments Report



- ❖ Ron Kent Annual Best Kept Allotment and Best Kept New Allotment – a success with many plots at a high standard.
- ❖ Wanborough Road – a relief for Covingham tenants when road reopened.
- ❖ Waiting List – currently 10 applications on waiting list. Applicants from NEV should apply for plots at the new developments.
- ❖ Security – now a priority after the thefts and vandalism on 5<sup>th</sup> April.





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# Questions & Answers