

Wanborough Parish Council
Hooper's Field Management Committee
Monday 11th April 2016

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Present: Mr Colin Offer (Chairperson), Mr Colin Hayes (Wanborough Parish Council) Mr Roger Whitfield (Wanborough Parish Council), Mr Andy Clinning & Mr Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club), Mrs Mary Pribyl (Wanborough Bowls Club), Mr Gary Sumner (Wanborough Junior Football Club), Mrs Jane Howes (Wanborough Tennis Club).

1. **Apologies:** Mr Andy Thompson (Wanborough Cricket Club), Mr Tony Law (Wanborough Football Club).

2. Parish Council report from the Chairman
Colin Offer outlined the proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan, confirming that one of the proposals next to Hooper's Field will result in an additional strip of land along the edge of the sports field, a questions was raised as to whether this would be of any benefit.

3. Electric Usage
The issue of electric usage was discussed. It was agreed to remove the electric heaters from the conservatory and monitor electric usage to see if this helps reduce the bill. It was agreed to look into changing supplier to also reduce bill. It was also agreed to look into the possibility of installing a couple of radiators into the conservatory.

4. Flood Mitigation – Extension of use of compound
Colin Offer confirmed that the flood mitigation work has been delayed and Parish Council have agreed subject to conditions for an extension to the use of the compound area at Hooper's Field. Concerns were raised about parking, it was suggested if a club is aware of any large events to ask if they can use the back of the car park at The Harrow. Mary felt that this was too far for bowls club members to walk especially with all their equipment.
Concern was also raised about the state of the entrance driveway, Clerk confirmed that the contractors have agreed to carry out some remedial work in the interim with final repairs due at the end. Clerk confirmed that photos were taken of the site prior to work commencing.
The use of Hooper's Field for parking at the May Day Fayre, it was agreed that due to the compound and the state of the entrance driveway that this would not be possible this year.

5. Grounds Maintenance
Discussion took place in relation to the sport field and how wet it currently is. Andy Clinning felt that the ground could not currently cope with SBC's gang mowers so felt that this should be delayed until ground is suitable.

It was agreed to gain quotes to see if the drainage at the sports field can be sorted, these quotes can then be used to gain additional funding from future development in the New Eastern Villages.

6. CLUB REPORTS:

Wanborough Tennis Club

Tennis Club have entered 7 teams into the summer league. Membership is currently due for renewal so unsure about numbers yet. Club has received 10 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon and this will be allocated at the AGM on 20th April.

Tennis Club are preparing for the Open Day and tying this in with the "Big Tennis Weekend"

Wanborough Bowls Club

Membership for the Bowls Club is slightly down from last year, with around 97 members this year. They have held a number of social events this year to raise money for the club. They plan to open the bowls green this weekend, with matches starting on 20th April.

Bowls Club are currently compiling their business plan and this will be available to view soon.

Gary asked if the club could gain members from other bowls clubs that have closed recently, Mary confirmed that a few clubs have merged as there is a general trend of reduced membership for bowls clubs

Wanborough Cricket Club

For the juniors they have carried out winter training at Ridgeway School and Croft Sports Centre. Registration for juniors is on Saturday 16th April from 9am – 10.30am. The aim is to have two junior team entered in the league this summer U11's and U15's, U11's will play on Sunday mornings and U15's in the afternoon.

There are also two adult teams, one in division 4 and other in division 9. Overall the Cricket Club have 40 games scheduled to be played at Hooper's Field this season. Cricket Club would like to thank Parish Council for the recent grant towards providing a new kit for the U15's.

Wanborough Football Club

No representative at this meeting

Wanborough Junior Football Club

Wanborough Junior Football Club would like to thank Parish Council for the grant towards new goal posts for the U8's.

Membership is currently very good with some of the younger teams having enough players for two teams but the club doesn't have enough coaches to do this. U18's are due to finish this season, with the U16's and U17's merging to make one U17/U18's team next season.

The club holds it annual AGM on 9th July 2016 at the Village Hall/Lower Rec.

7. Fun Day

Fun Day is planned for Sunday 15th May 2016 from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Jane confirmed that Tim Hunt can do the BBQ.

Other arrangements – Lorna has been asked if she can do Zumba, Sue Smith for fun run, Lee Herring for Boules.

Robert Buckland has agreed to attend and open the event again this year.

It was agreed that the money raised at the event to be split 50% Prospect and 50% towards Louise Hunt's Paralympic fund.

It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to sort out final plans, Mary to arrange.

8. Financial Report

Clerk circulated a financial statement to 31st March 2016. It was confirmed that there is a deficit for the year to 31st March 2016, Colin Offer therefore reminded clubs that it is important to try and keep costs down at Hooper's Field.

A suggestion was to contact Nationwide to ask if they would be interested in hiring the facility for meetings, as they are always looking for venues.

Meeting closed 9pm

Next meeting – To be confirmed