

**Wanborough Parish Council**  
**Hooper's Field Management Committee**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Meeting commenced at 19.30**

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

1. **Apologies:** Wanborough FC

2. Parish Council report from the Chairman

Colin Offer stated that if there is any work that any of the Clubs feel that Community Payback are able to do then please let Parish Council know.

3. Expansion Plans – Revised Plans

Colin Offer confirmed that the revised plans have been seen and agreed by Parish Council.

Tennis Club stated that they did not feel that proposed expansion would be of any benefit to the Tennis Club as they do not use the main hall, apart from one meeting a year, and confirmed that once this work goes ahead they will not be able to afford any increase in their Licence Fees and asked for confirmation that they would not be increased. Colin Offer stated that the expansion will be an ideal opportunity to gain further income from Hooper's Field, but there was no plan to increase the fees other than the usual inflationary rise for the Tennis Club.

Cricket Club asked that if the plans have been agreed by Parish Council does that mean that the clubs have no say in the matter. Colin Offer confirmed that this is their opportunity to say if they want anything changed.

Cricket Club asked if there was sufficient storage space for their mowers that are currently stored on the veranda next to the Parish Council store room. Colin Offer stated that the expansion provides considerably more internal storage space and an area will be allocated for Cricket Club.

Cricket Club also confirmed that they will not be able to afford any increase in their Licence Fee as a result of this expansion.

Gary Sumner asked if the plans include a new access and new parking, as he felt that additional parking will be needed if the facility is to be expanded. After a discussion it was agreed that it would be better to see if more parking space could be gained without moving the access but by expanding the car parking area closer to the boundary hedge of the bowls green side and expanding the hard standing area on the tennis court side; this will mean a new access will not be needed. *ACTION Colin Offer to provide a contact at SBC who will be able to help with plans*

It was also agreed that low level lighting should be included within the proposed plans. Bowls Club raised a concern that holding up the plans will result in the kitchen being delayed which is needed urgently. Colin Offer confirmed that there is nothing that can be done, as the kitchen cannot be done before anything else.

It was agreed to send in one application for the expansion of Hooper's Field and car park.

4. Neighbourhood Plan  
Colin Offer provided details about the Neighbourhood Plan and asked each of the clubs if they would write a small paragraph about Hooper's Field. He confirmed that this was not urgent.
5. Grounds Maintenance of Sports Field  
Colin Offer confirmed that Parish Council have put aside an amount of money for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 to help improve the sports field at Hooper's Field. The Cricket Club provided Parish Council with costs for some work that they feel will be beneficial to the field, however the main problem is the drainage; the drainage does not work efficiently, the water does not seep through and builders sand has been incorrectly used.  
Colin Offer agreed that the drainage is not something that can be done due to the cost, but asked the Cricket Club to go through their list of work on the field and to put them in priority order so that Parish Council can decide what can be covered by the budget available this year.
6. Interest from a Saturday football team to use Hooper's Field  
After a discussion it was agreed to go back to the club confirming the charge, which would include a deposit of £500. If they are still interested then Parish Council would meet with them to discuss further.
7. Interest for a Petanque (Boules) area at Hooper's Field  
After a discussion it was agreed that this would be a good idea to include at the facility. Parish Council need to have further discussions to decide where the best location would be for this.
8. CLUB REPORTS:  
Wanborough Tennis Club  
Jane Howes confirmed that they are still learning about everything Dawn Hopkins used to do for the Club and transferring these jobs to different people. She confirmed that Dawn is doing well but she is still extremely ill.  
The Tennis Club are trying to gain further membership, which the Open Day will help with. The membership renewal is on 1<sup>st</sup> April and their AGM is on 15<sup>th</sup> April. They will be entering 7 teams into the Swindon & District League.  
  
Wanborough Bowls Club  
The Bowls Club confirmed that they had decided to change their renewal date for membership to 1<sup>st</sup> January; this meant they were able to plan teams etc before the start of the season. They have 110 members which includes 27 non-players and 3 juniors. They will once again carry out junior coaching for the school. They have 180 fixture matches booked for the coming season and 6 social events. The green will open on 18<sup>th</sup> April.  
  
Wanborough Cricket Club  
Cricket Club confirmed that they have continued under-11 junior indoor coaching at New College. The reason they have done this is to ensure that when it comes to the start of the season they will have enough players to enter an under-11 team, they have 11 fixtures lined up for the team, but they are not expected to do well as they will be playing against some very good teams.

Gary Sumner asked if there was any plans to enter a team for the older age groups. Cricket Club confirmed that they plan to continue with the coaching over the summer the same as last year, but they do not have enough time or availability to enter any more than just the under-11 team, this alone has given them a considerable amount of work. They will see how the under-11 team goes this year and then review again for next year. They will also continue to make a few spaces available in one of the adult teams for the more experienced older children. They will have an open morning for junior registration the same as last year and this will be advertised in the Lyden. Cricket Club also stated that for the juniors to play there is a considerable amount of equipment cost, such as helmets which they need to play but which they can't expect the children to pay for. A suggestion was made to apply for a grant from Parish Council for the purchase of this equipment; Gary Sumner confirmed that there is still a budget remaining for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, so if he can supply details of the cost of the equipment to Parish Council before their next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March then this can be considered at the meeting. *ACTION Andy Clinning*

#### Wanborough Football Club

No representative at the meeting

#### Wanborough Junior Football Club

Junior Football Club confirmed that they have 10 teams from U6's to U17/18's; they have a very good membership across all teams. They have lost the girls team, but the idea now is to integrate the girls into the other teams. The teams play at Hooper's Field, Liddington Rec, Lower Recreation Field and Wanborough Primary School. They have their AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June which will be held at the Village Hall and Lower Recreation Field in a similar format as last year, as this proved successful. The club attended a match at STFC and around 140 players and parents attended; the club is aiming to improve their links with STFC.

The club increased their subs to £18 a month for players who play matches and £12.50 a month for players who only train, which hasn't proved a problem. This enables the club to financially support other things such as 3 summer tournaments.

#### 9. Open Day

It was agreed to hold the Open Day on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from 10am to 2.30pm. Cricket Club will delay the start of the fixture on that day until 3pm. It was agreed to hold a meeting to organize the fun day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Since the meeting this has been re-arranged to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March).

#### 10. Financial Report

The financial report to end of February 2015 was circulated. It is expected that by the end of the financial year Hooper's Field will be over-budget, however this is mainly due to the spend on the Summerhouse which will come out of the Hooper's Field reserves.

#### 11. Any other business

None

Meeting Closed 21.15

Next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015