

**Wanborough Parish Council**  
**Hooper's Field Management Committee**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Meeting commenced at 19.30**

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

1. **Apologies:** Wanborough FC
2. Parish Council report from the Chairman  
Colin Offer confirmed that the PAT testing will be carried out on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014; any appliances that plug into sockets need to be left out on display ready for the inspection. Tennis Club confirmed there are a couple of electrical items within their pavilion.
3. Bowls Club Summerhouse and memorial to Bill Suter  
Mary Pribyl confirmed that the summerhouse has now been delivered. The wood needs treating and then the summerhouse will be erected on the base that has already been constructed.  
The official opening of the summerhouse is due to take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2pm. Gary Sumner and Colin Offer confirmed they will be able to attend; Clerk to e-mail Mary with details of who else will be attending. It was agreed that the plaque on the summerhouse should say "Bill Suter, Parish Councilor and Chair of Wanborough Bowls Club". It is planned that Hilda (Bill's wife) will cut the ribbon, Mary will say a few words and Gary confirmed he would as well.
4. Planting of tree in memory of Huw Evans  
A proposed location for the tree was discussed and agreed at the rear of the pavilion; subject to the type of tree this should be the best location. Cricket Club will purchase a bench to be put underneath it. Parish Council to ask Lee Wells to remove all the shrubbery from around the edge of the pavilion and tidy up the area.
5. Open Day – Feedback from event  
Everyone agreed that the Open Day was a great success; there was more going on this year such as dancing, zumba and a mini fun run which made the event feel a lot more active. The Open Day was very well attended and it's a great event to promote Hooper's Field within the village. The event attracted a few new members for each club and also managed to raise £200 for Prospect  
It was agreed that this event should become an annual event.
6. Expansion of Hooper's Field  
Colin Offer explained what was happening with the Neighbourhood Plan process and the proposed future expansion east of Swindon.  
Gary Sumner asked for an update on the MUGA. Colin Offer confirmed that he still had not heard anything from the Borough Council in relation to swapping the piece

of land with the Woodland Trust. Gary Sumner suggested chasing Andrew Bennett on this matter to try and get things moving. *ACTION Colin Offer*

A discussion took place about the need for a larger kitchen; this is something the Bowls Club would benefit from the most, but other clubs will also need to have access to use it. It was agreed to gain prices for someone to draw up some plans, and to gain an idea as to how much it will cost to move the kitchen to the large store room at the front of the pavilion. Once these costings are received Parish Council will then be in a better position to make a decision on the matter. Gary Sumner stated that as the Bowls Club will benefit the most from this change they must also realize that they will need to help fund it.

## 7. CLUB REPORTS:

### Wanborough Tennis Club

Tennis Club confirmed that the Club is doing very well, membership is slightly higher than last year around 150 members. They have been slightly disappointed with the uptake of the new summer membership fee only two families have taken up the offer. It was felt that once people become more aware of the offer this number may increase next year.

### Wanborough Bowls Club

Bowls Club confirmed that they are sometimes struggling to put teams out for their matches, despite have around 85-90 playing members. They also have 20 social members.

They have started doing junior coaching with the school and have recently held a Swindon and District event.

The issue of foxes has now been sorted and they haven't had any problems recently.

### Wanborough Cricket Club

The Cricket Club has not had a very good start to the season due to the wet weather. Their first team had 3 fixtures cancelled and their second team had 2 fixtures cancelled; this was similar to other clubs, however on one occasion all fixtures went ahead apart from the fixture at Hooper's Field. The Cricket Club want it minuted that they do not feel that the drainage for the sports field is working properly. They stated that every time they cancel a fixture it costs the club around £70. The teams are also struggling a bit at the moment, although the first team did win for the first time last weekend; the second team is doing slightly better.

There have also been some issues with the grass cutting contract as, despite having met with SBC to discuss the grass cutting, only the grass was cut within the cricket outfield and everything else was left on the last visit.

The junior section has again been very popular with 34 signed on members. The coach has been doing a great job and the children seem to be enjoying it. The Cricket Club entered an U11 team into the league; the decision to do this was based on the number of juniors registered last year, however unfortunately there were not enough U11's to field a team and therefore they had to withdraw the team. They plan to play a friendly game instead and some U9 quick cricket matches.

Wanborough Football Club

No representative at the meeting

Wanborough Junior Football Club

Wanborough JFC currently have about 160 players not 120 as mentioned at the last meeting. They have started training the U6 age group so they are ready to start matches in September. They currently have a large U7 squad of 14 players so they are trying to get more parents involved so that two teams can be entered into the league for this age group.

They currently have 9 teams entered in the league and one girls' team, which they are trying to integrate more into the club although this is proving quite difficult.

They held their AGM in June which went very well and they managed to raise a considerable amount of money for the club as well.

Gary Sumner confirmed that he is now the chairperson for the Junior Football Club.

He confirmed that at the end of the season the U14's and U12's have been promoted and the U7's won the sportsmanship award.

Subscriptions have been increased to £18 per month.

8. Financial Report

Financial report for the three months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was circulated to everyone; Clerk confirmed that £10,100 has been allocated this year from Parish Council's precept.

9. Any other business

Bowls Club raised the issue of changing room space, as they felt they only had the use of one of the changing rooms. It was confirmed that there was no reason why they could not use the large changing rooms as well.

Tennis Club asked if better shower curtains or an enclosure could be put on the showers in the small changing rooms as the current one just sticks to you when you shower. *ACTION Clerk to gain a price for a weighted shower curtain*

Meeting Closed 20.45

Next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014