WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hooper's Field Sports Facility Committee meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall.

Present: Colin Offer (Chair), John Emmins, David Hayward (Parish Councillors) Geoff Sander, Brian Clarke (Wanborough Bowls Club), Paul Penfold (Wanborough Cricket Club) Lee Herring (Wanborough JFC).

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1 Apologies: Gordon Heywood, Mel Brough (Wanborough Tennis Club) and Bob Biggs (Parish Councillor)

2 Declaration of interest: No interests declared.

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.
No questions received

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022
Proposed by Colin Offer, Seconded by John Emmins, minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Hooper's Field maintenance

4.1 To discuss recent driveway repairs and surface condition. – awaiting update from contractor although there is a general view that unless the camber (slope) of the road is changed the repairs are not going to make any difference.

4.2 Storage areas – Problem with the Clerk's/ Handyman storeroom access being blocked was reported, Wanborough Cricket Club agreed to contact Clerk asking for clarification. ACTION Cricket Club.

4.3 Utility costs – A reminder that all clubs check that all lights are turned off before they lock up as it's been noticed that lights have been left on all night – this was noted by clubs. Clubs asked for the heating controls to be checked as they have noticed the heating is on during the summer. ACTION Parish Council.

5. Hooper's Field Project

5.1 John Emmins reported that the Business case and a covering letter to Swindon Borough Council are now complete. There will be a Parish Council meeting on the 25th where these will be discussed and Parish Council should agree a way forward. A working party for fund raising and grant applications is needed.

6. Update from Sports Clubs

a. Wanborough Bowls Club

Reported a slight reduction in membership and the club are proposing a leaflet drop in the Eldene and Dorcan areas. It was suggested that the new housing in Badbury Park should be included. Occasionally cricket balls are landing on the bowls green and these are coming through the cricket nets. Wanborough Cricket Club agreed the nets are in poor condition.

b. Wanborough Tennis Club

It was reported that the existing floodlights are ageing, one has failed and there is difficulty sourcing a replacement. The club would like them updated.

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c. Wanborough Cricket Club

The membership is constant, there are 3 weekend teams and one midweek. The club is looking at a short term solution for the damaged nets, ie replacing the netting

d. Wanborough JFC

No report

Other matter raised at the meeting

Wanborough Cricket Club highlighted the problems of dog fouling on the sports field and surrounding area. After some discussion is was agreed that Wanborough Cricket Club will provide examples of "signage" that he considers to be more noticeable and therefore more effective, The consensus of the meeting was that if this doesn't solve the problem then a "dogs on a lead" policy should be introduced for Hooper's Field.
Wanborough Cricket Club also highlighted the lack of rolling of the cricket outfield which leads to a bumpy and potentially dangerous surface.
Action, Colin Offer proposed that the Parish Council members of the committee take a walk around Hooper's Field prior to the next meeting to review these 2 points.
Bowls conservatory guttering, the Bowls Club have approached a local contractor to help with access to the guttering from the Pergola
Wanborough Cricket Club also requested that the cricket club be given a long term lease (or similar) to allow them to apply for England Cricket Board grants. This was also requested (remotely) by JFC.
Colin Offer said that in the past the Parish Council have written to the clubs stating the clubs eg Tennis have a long term use agreement for the facilities. ACTION To be clarified by the clerk.

Note - Minutes compiled by Parish Councillor in the absence of the Parish Clerk.

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