

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee meeting**
held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7pm
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Present: Malcolm Beswick, Chairman, (MB), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Jon Chitty, (JC),
Ronald Stevenson, (RS)

In attendance: Kathryn Hornett, Assistant Clerk, Stuart Henderson, Cricket Club, Julie Davies,
Brampton Spartans FC, Robert Steaman, Cricket Club

1. Apologies

Mike Shellens – Away, Nigel Maggs – Another engagement, Tony Burnley, Senior Football,
Simon Fletcher, Brampton Spartans, Tessa Magan, Netball Club.

2. Public Participation – User Group Representations.

i) Football: To give consideration to all points as listed in Simon Fletcher's email dated the 14th
April 2022.

1) *"We have today added 2 sets of smaller goals with wheels to the outside area and you may see that we have positioned one set behind the green shed on the far area (near pitch 3) and another inside existing goals, albeit I have asked the groundsman if he was able to clear a tiny area next to the existing goals so that we could push these back closer to the fence so as to try and not promote to the kids that they now have another set of goals to kick at!"*

MB believed that the area had already been cut all the way back but that he would check with the groundsmen. If there was any further trees to be cut, this would have to be done towards the end of the year due to nesting season.

2) *From a football playing perspective you hopefully should have all fixtures and aware that we have fixtures on all pitches up to end May.*

It was discussed that if cricket is playing a home game, football will ensure they have finished before cricket starts.

MB said the most important thing is that cricket and football are both able to go ahead and work together, until the end of May.

There was a brief discussion about the requirements of the line marking, which will be communicated to the grounds staff.

3) *"In discussions with David, he mentioned that he had been asked to potentially move pitch 2 over slightly for next season by Malcolm. I wasn't aware of this and of course we will still have 5 teams using pitch 2 next season and so I was interested in thoughts behind this?"*

MB discussed that this is an easy change to make and since the hedge has been cut out, the field has gained space as well. Everyone was in agreement.

This can now be implemented for the start of the next season.

4) *"I'm also still awaiting details of what sort of pitch size/area is likely to be available over at Brampton Park next season. Last I heard it was just the small 5 & 7 a side pitches and so this would only be our younger age groups."*

MB informed the committee that he is meeting with the FA next month to see if the Brampton Park fields are an acceptable size for a senior pitch. If there isn't currently space for a senior pitch, it could mean losing grant money. If so, moving the play area could be discussed, following the meeting with the FA.

MB proposed that when the cricket teams and the football teams receive their fixtures, it is a good idea to all meet, including the relevant Clerks, to discuss and ensure everyone knows when to expect each team. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

It was suggested that a 'live' document be created so that each teams' fixtures can be inputted and everyone else can see. It is necessary to be 'live' as fixtures change so regularly and at short notice. The Parish office are also to have access so they are able to check fixtures. KH to speak with IT and see if there is anything that can be implemented.

Tessa informed the Assistant Clerk, prior to the meeting, that Netball wouldn't be represented at this meeting, and sent the following to be passed onto the committee: *"After a social media campaign, we have had 15 new ladies join within two weeks. We have had in excess of 20 players turning up for our casual netball training on a Monday with additional ladies attending the second session focusing on league improvement. This is in addition to both teams winning their league games last week. We hope to be able to attend the next meeting."*

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2022

The minutes had been accepted at the full Parish Council meeting held on the 16th of March therefore taken as read.

4. To receive an update about the resolutions from the above meeting.

- 4.1 4.8/7.1. Clerk to organise graffiti on the skate park to be painted over. The correct paints to be used is being looked into, but once this has been dealt with it had been suggested that the painting of the skate park be passed onto the Youth Club and become a community project. All were in agreement that this was a good idea, allowing the youth of the village to take some ownership of the space.
- 4.2 5. MB to contact the Sports & Development Officer at HDC. MB explained that he had been continuously trying to contact the relevant people but getting no response. He said he was due to have a meeting with District Councillor Patricia Jordan and would bring this up to her.
- 4.3 6.1 Clerk to contact a company for a quote regarding the drainage at MC. KH explained that the drainage had got very bad at the MC in recent weeks and they were forced to call someone out to tackle the problem. They now have a contact – Steve at 'Block Away Drains' – who we can contact if necessary, in future. The committee was happy with this.
- 4.4 8.1. To gain further quote for replacement weed sprayer from Arthur Ibbett. MB explained he had contacted the company but that they didn't have the spec they were looking for. He had looked around various companies and all seemed to be having similar supply issues. MB brought to the meeting a quote from 'Walkover Sprayers' for £675 + £18 delivery + £138.60 VAT, totaling £831.60. MB proposed the purchase of the quote, all were in agreement to accept.
- 4.5 8.5. Item to go in The Brampton Magazine regarding the sports played in Brampton. KH confirmed this would go in the July issue.
- 4.6 10.1. MB to gain further quotes for the works on the MUGA lights. MB had been in contact with an electrician called Nick Garner who had agreed to do the works for free, and sign the works off. We would just need to purchase the cabling, which would be around £300. JMB proposed that the works go ahead on the condition that the electrician sign the works off correctly, RS seconded. MB noted we would pass thanks to Nick for his assistance following the completion of the works.
- 4.7 11.2. To move the junior pitch over by 2 meters. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting and all were in agreement for this to be implemented.

5. Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Ground Maintenance

- i) Sports Facilities
MB explained we do not currently own these but hope to by the next football season.
- ii) Ground Maintenance

MB assured the committee that once we owned the area we would be able to maintain the grounds from the outset.

6. Memorial Centre Playing Fields including maintenance to Cricket Square and Football Pitches

- i) To consider the purchase of a pedestrian weed sprayer – at the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed that no more than £700.00 be spent on this item.
This was discussed under the actions and was agreed.
- ii) Update on the purchase of a new roller for the Cricket Square.
MB apologised as there had been a miscommunication regarding the roller, as he was not at the April Parish Council meeting to discuss, when the item was rejected; the miscommunication was rectified at the May Parish Council meeting. MB explained that it had been agreed to hire a lower spec roller for the current season, which was due to be delivered tomorrow (19th May) and the discussion of the purchase of a roller would be taken to the November Parish Council meeting, as it could not be discussed again for six months.
MB asked whether David had completed his online training courses, for cricket and KH confirmed that he had not.

Action: DH

It was asked how taking a roller to the November Parish Council meeting? MB explained that between now and then they would need to gain a couple of varying quotes to take the Parish Council to be discussed, but they would need to be up-to-date.

- iii) MB asked whether the money from the Spartans had been received? Julie confirmed that Simon would be dealing with this early next week.
Julie noted that they were a bit confused as to why the ground had been seeded so early. MB said he believed it had been due to the weather.
Stuart asked whether we had an attachment to 'flood' the ground. MB said he was unsure, but it was best to speak to David about what equipment we currently have.
Stuart also asked whether we had a hand roller for the artificial wicket? MB said he didn't believe so; he also said they were under the impression that the company that installed the artificial wicket were supposed to attend the site and do routine maintenance but this hasn't happened. MB asked for the installers, believed to be Duran Sports, to be contacted and asked about the maintenance visits – as well as this, to ask what the correct kind of roller is to be used on the artificial wicket.

7. Skate Park

- i) The old skate park fencing is stored alongside the workshed, is there any use for this?
JMB put forward whether there would be enough to go around the perimeter of the play park on Brampton Park, as the Parish Council is to fence off this play area, or around the Laws Crescent play park as this is to be replaced.
MB suggested measuring around the skate park to see how much fencing we have, and then measuring around both play areas. MB said he would speak to Terry about whether this fencing would be appropriate for around either play area or if it's worth keeping.

8. MUGA

- 8.1 The lighting was discussed under a previous item.

9. Play Areas

- i) Memorial Centre
Nothing to report.
- ii) Laws Crescent
MB reported that this play area needs new fencing, and we are awaiting the quote from Huntree but there is a very long lead time for the works from Huntree. Stuart (Brampton

- Property Services) offered to measure and quote for the works.
- iii) Lady Olivia Centre
Before the Parish Council take over this space, it was suggested that an inspection is done of the equipment and ask for anything to be rectified before agreeing to take over.
 - iv) Brampton Park, although not Parish Council responsibility
Nothing to report.

11. Next Agenda Items

None.

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: