

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the Sports & Recreations Committee Meeting

Held on the **27th of July at 6.00 pm**

At the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road.

Present: Malcolm Beswick, Chairman (MB), Mike Bainbridge, (JMB), Ronald Stevenson, (RS),
Mike Shellens, (MS).

In attendance: Stuart Henderson & Robert Steadman - Cricket team, Adam Burnley - Senior football team, 2 representatives from the Netball club.

Tess Rogers, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies
None received.
2. Football Pitches – use of Memorial Fields.
 - 2.1 A question was asked as to why all the football pitches had been marked out. The Clerk was unable to answer as, after having spoken with Simon Fletcher of the Spartans team she had asked the groundsmen to mark out only pitch number 4. *(note: following the meeting, the groundsman explained that there was confusion over which pitches were needed for training/friendlies and when these would take place therefore all pitches were marked.*
 - 2.2 A discussion was held. Unfortunately the pitches at the Lady Olivia Centre have not yet been passed over to the Parish Council therefore all play will take place on the Memorial Field. Once the pitches have been passed across all the junior games will be played there. The junior pitch on the Memorial Field needs to be moved further towards the boundary of the field since the shrubbery has been removed.
3. Football/Cricket Fixtures/Training.
 - 3.1 No football fixtures have been received into the Parish Council office as yet. Once these are received they need to be checked against the cricket fixtures to ensure no overlap.
 - 3.2 It was reported that the cricket square has not been cut recently, Stuart Henderson said he had asked the groundsman to cut the square to 12mm. He said there should be a proper 'crease' mark on the artificial pitch. MB and the groundsmen will meet to discuss the way forward.
 - 3.3 Robert Steadman – Cricket reported that the 12 week youth training sessions had gone very well with some 30 young people attending.
4. Request from Netball for funding
 - 4.1. Deferred to the next meeting.
 - 4.2. The netball representatives reported that they have no difficulty with the general public moving off the MUGA when the team needed to play. They did ask if the grounds equipment stored in the container could be moved slightly to enable easier access to the netball equipment.

- 4.3. A question was asked as to whether the MUGA at the Lady Olivia Centre has been marked. This will be checked.

5. Request to allow the provision of hedging along the play area boundary, Thrapston Road
The resident of 49 Thrapston Road had requested the planting of hedging on the playing field side of the new fencing bordering his property, to prevent balls being kicked against the fence. He had offered to pay for the hedging. Following a discussion it was agreed that, as the Parish Council would be planting whips along the Garner Close boundary, these would be continued up to the footpath on thrapston Road. The residents of 49 Thrapston road would not be asked to contribute but their offer is appreciated.

6. Next Agenda Items
Cricket – use of a room at the Memorial Centre during fixture matches.

The meeting was closed at 18.35

Signed:
Chairman

Date: