

# **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee meeting**  
held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm**  
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

**Present:** Malcolm Beswick, Chairman (MB), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Mike Shellens (MS).

**In attendance:** Jenny Green and Ruby Hessletwaite, Brampton Bulls Netball, Laura Hussey and Jasmine Hart, Phoenix Netball, Stuart Henderson, Cricket, Tony Burnley, Senior Football, Simon Fisher, Spartans Football. Tess Rogers, Clerk.

## **1. Apologies**

Received from Jon Chitty, Nigel Maggs, Robert Steadman.

## **2. Public Participation – User Group Representations.**

2.1 The Brampton Bulls enquired when the lights at the Memorial Centre MUGA would be operational. MB replied that a second quote had been received for the work, and if accepted the lights would be working by the end of January. In addition, what would be the process with regard to the use of the MUGA at the Lady Olivia Centre. MB replied that the MUGA is not currently in the possession of the Parish Council. However, the management company in current control of the courts have opened them to the public. Use of the courts is on a first come first served basis. Storage of groups equipment will be in the sports equipment storage shed and MB will check regarding lighting for the courts, he suggested there should be four on the courts (tennis and MUGA). He will also check what lighting is available in the storage shed.

2.2 The Phoenix Netball group also asked regarding training at the Lady Olivia Centre. MB replied that the two netball clubs will need to decide between them which days each will use the courts. They asked if there might be any funding available to them, MB replied that they would need to make a request in writing.

2.3 MB reported to Stuart Henderson that matched funding for new cricket nets has been approved in principle. However, the cricket club will need to prove they have the funds available before ordering. Following a discussion, it was agreed to hire a 4 foot cricket pitch roller from the first week in March until the end of the cricket season.

2.4 Tony Burnley said the senior pitch was in a good state of repair but asked that the after-season pitch maintenance be done as soon as the last fixture had been played in May. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the usual contractor be asked if he would be available to undertake the work. However, it may be that the Council ground staff could undertake the work if the necessary equipment can be hired. MB will enquire of Ben Burgess if they have the equipment for hire. Tony asked if it was possible to store one of the goals to the side of the MUGA in front of the fresh air gym equipment as one of the rollers on the goal has broken and it is very heavy to push across the field. It was agreed to trial this.

2.5 Simon Fletcher reported that the Football Association have banned games commencing at 9 am. Therefore, only two games can be played on the junior pitch on a Saturday morning. These being at 9.30 am and 11 am. The junior pitch is in a very poor state. Would it be possible to bring down the trees at the back of the pitch to 10 foot as these prevent the sun getting to the grass during the winter months? The tree contractor will be asked for advice and a quote for the work.

The Clerk reminded Simon that the grounds staff have difficulty accessing the container, which stores one of the mowers, when the goal posts are stored in the wrong position. Simon said he would report back to the teams.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.**

The minutes had been approved at the Parish Council meeting held in November therefore were taken as read.

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

- 4.1 2.1.1 To ask an appropriate company to attend the MUGA at the Memorial Centre to quote for resurfacing – 2 companies have been approached.
- 4.2 2.2 Cricket Club to investigate outside funding for the purchase of cricket practice nets to include a porous aggregate base for full length wicket. SH is to meet with others regarding this.
- 4.3 4.1 Approach Youth Club leaders with the idea of Splash&Dash leading a supervised graffiti of the skate park and organise a meeting between MB & Youth Club leaders to discuss. Information has been sent to the youth leader.
- 4.4 To sell old skate park fencing to scrap metal dealer. To source a dealer.
- 4.5 Request to see the soil report for the LOC playing fields. Has been requested, Campbell Buchanan are looking for it.
- 4.6 5.3 Draft lighting plan and risk assessment to be adapted to include gas flame as considered more appropriate. Outstanding until conversion completed.
- 4.7 5.3.1 Contact Flamebuoyent for advice regarding converting beacon to be gas lit. The Clerk had approached the company who couldn't help but gave contact details of their gas engineer. Upon contacting the said engineer the Clerk was told this would need to be a bespoke project and that he was unable to help. SH said that he would forward details of a company who could help. MB suggested the possibility of purchasing a low-level beacon.
- 4.8 9.5 Clerk to seek further two quotes for fencing around tractor play park on Brampton Park. Remains outstanding.

All other actions have received the appropriate attention.

**5. Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Grounds Maintenance**

- 5.1. Sports Facilities – As yet not handed over to the Parish Council.
- 5.2. Grounds Maintenance – nothing raised.
- 5.3. General – nothing raised.

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

- 6.1. To consider a solution to the entrance onto the field from Coronation Avenue, this becomes waterlogged following heavy rain. MB suggested to put in a french drain and to build it up with soil. The grounds contractor will be approached for guidance.
- 6.2. To consider a request received to hold a Summer Fete on the playing field. The clerk was requested to enquire as to whom the enquirer was.
- 6.3. General – nothing raised.

**7. Skate Park.**

- 7.1. General – no discussion.

**8. MUGA**

- 8.1. MUGA Lighting at the Memorial Centre – Update – as per 2.
- 8.2. General no discussion.

**9. Play Areas**

- 9.1. Memorial Centre to include to note the recent annual play inspection report.
- 9.2. Laws Crescent to include the recent annual play inspection report.  
MB took the two reports away to go through them thoroughly. The Clerk will give copies to the grounds team to undertake any necessary repairs.
- 9.3. Lady Olivia Centre – not yet under the Parish council's control.
- 9.4. Brampton Park, though not Parish Council Responsibility – nothing to report.
- 9.5. General – nothing raised.

**10. Next agenda items**

Nothing raised at this time.

The meeting was closed at 8.11pm.

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: