

# **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Draft minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee** meeting  
held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm**  
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

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

In Attendance: Stuart Henderson, cricket representative, Tess Rogers, Clerk

## **1. Apologies**

Nigel Maggs, Simon Fletcher, Spartans Representative, Brampton Bulls Netball, Charlotte Robinson, Events Group.

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

## **3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.**

The minutes, having been accepted at the January Parish Council meeting, were taken as read and signed by MB.

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

- 4.1. 2.1 MB to check lighting for the MUGA at Brampton Park and that in the storage shed. Outstanding.
- 4.2. 2.5 Tree contractor to be contacted with regard to reducing the trees at the back of the Memorial Playing Field to 10ft. Await Richardsons Tree Services to provide a quote and take to the next Parish Council meeting. Speak with the Bowls Club as to how this action might affect them.
- 4.3. 4.2 Cricket Club to investigate outside funding for the purchase of cricket practice nets to include a porous aggregate base for full length wicket. SH said that this had been discussed at a recent cricket club committee meeting. Other quotes will be sought. The item will be reconsidered at the May meeting of this committee.
- 4.4. 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. The Clerk had passed the details to the youth leader who is unfortunately unwell and won't be on site for a few weeks. It was agreed to await his response but in the meantime, MS proposed that the Clerk be given the authority to have any graffiti of a sensitive nature painted over. JMB seconded this, MB also agreed.
- 4.5. 4.4 To sell old skate park fencing to a scrap metal dealer. Outstanding – to seek a reputable dealer.
- 4.6. 4.6 Draft lighting plan and risk assessment to be adapted to include gas flame as considered more appropriate. SH recommended the company Bullfinch Gas company who design beacons as is being considered to replace the beacon at the Lady Olivia Centre with a safer version. MB will make enquiries.
- 4.7. 4.8 Clerk to seek further two quotes for fencing around tractor play park on Brampton Park. Huntree Fencing had visited the park earlier today. Their quote will be brought to the next meeting along with that already received.

- 4.8. 6.1 To approach the grounds contractor regarding the insertion of a french drain on the Memorial Centre playing field at the entrance to Coronation Walk.  
The grounds contractor had responded that this would be an easy project to undertake. It was decided to wait to see the condition of the site following the next heavy rainfall and diary in the work when the Parish Council next has another need for the use of a mini excavator.

**5. To agree the Terms of Reference for this committee**

The document had been drawn up in November 2021 following the split of the Village Facilities committee to form the Sports & Recreations committee. The document will be renamed Sports & Recreations Committee. An addition is to be made to item 5 this should read 'All matters and decisions including those of a financial nature .....'. It was then agreed to minute the document as having been reviewed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

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

- 6.1. Sports Facilities.
- 6.2. Grounds Maintenance
- 6.3. General.

As the above are still not under the Parish Council's umbrella and may not be for some time there is nothing to report. MS asked regarding the delay in these areas being handed over to the Parish Council and said he would contact Huntingdon District Council with a view to speeding up the process.

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

- 7.1. Cricket net at skate park to be erected.  
The Parish council's groundsmen will be asked to erect the net before the first cricket home match of the season.
- 7.2. To further discuss the future of a roller for the cricket square.  
A roller has been hired for the coming season and is already on site. MB and SH will meet with the groundsmen to discuss a maintenance plan for the cricket square.
- 7.3. Spring maintenance to playing field.  
This has been arranged, with the verti draining taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.
- 7.4. Sports Day to be held by the Events Group.  
This is now to be held on the Village Green so does not come over this committee.
- 7.5. To consider the fees charged to the cricket club.  
The fees will not be changed for this coming season, but both the cricket and football clubs will be notified of any increase in fees in October, these to be finalized by Christmas 23.
- 7.6. The cricket club will be unable to use the Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July due to a booking in both halls.  
The bookings clerk will inform the club if not already done so.
- 7.7. General.  
It was reported that the football club chairman and 3 committee members had complimented the state of the pitches taking the time of year into consideration. This will be passed on to the groundsmen.

**8. Skate Park.**

- 8.1. General.  
Nothing was raised.

## **9. MUGA**

9.1. MUGA – quote received for resurfacing.

One quote had been received at a cost of £14,945.00 plus £2,274.00 for recommended edging kerbs. Two companies have said that they are unable to quote. MB said that he had some names of companies that may quote. This issue will again be addressed at the next meeting.

9.2. General.

## **10. Play Areas**

10.1. Memorial Centre.

When the fencing was replaced unfortunately the sign addressing age limits for users was taken away. The Clerk has commissioned a local company to produce a new sign.

10.2. Laws Crescent.

As 10.1 above.

10.3. Lady Olivia Centre – not as yet Parish Council responsibility.

10.4. Brampton Park, though not Parish Council Responsibility – nothing to report.

10.5. General – nothing to report.

## **11. Next agenda items**

11.1. Resurfacing of the MUGA at the Memorial Centre.

11.2. Sports club fees.

The meeting was closed at 8.16pm.

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: