

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: J.P. Chitty OBE MA CEng



**MINUTES of the Village Facilities Meeting held Virtually
By Means of the Microsoft TEAMS Platform on Wed 2 Sept 2020**

Present: J Childs, Chairman (JRC), M Beswick (NB), Mrs M Footner (MF), S Jordan (SJ),
N Maggs (NM), L Ruston (LR), M Shellens (MS)

In Attendance T Rogers, Parish Clerk, D Steel, Assistant Clerk,

1 To Receive Apologies

Jon Chitty, Simon Fletcher Chairman of the Spartans Football Team, Tony Burnley, Senior Football

2 Public Participation – User Group Representations

2.1 There were no representatives present.

3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 June 2020

3.1 The minutes had met with approval at the parish council meeting held on the 17 June therefore it was further resolved to accept these as being a true record of the meeting. **Carried**

4 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting

4.1 3.2 - JRC to arrange to meet with Brown & Co to discuss the common land at 32 Buckden Rd **JRC**

4.2 4.1 – storage of user groups' equipment – NM and JRC to do once health restrictions relaxed. **NM, JRC**

4.3 4.2 - Recommendation and quote from Jason Williams re new projector – remains outstanding. **JRC**

4.4 4.5 MB to meet with JRC regarding football club requirements. **MB/JRC**

4.5 11.1 VF committee to meet to decide upon a design for the new skate park **All**

4.6 TR to distribute the spreadsheet showing what has been received and spent by the football clubs. Can't use the part of the grant towards the floodlights this year the club will need to pay £1800 for training so would like 1 tranche of the £2500 that the football clubs were to forego MB said that now the skate park has been delayed. **TR**

5 Village Facilities; General

5.1 Discussion to take place following which a recommendation will be made to the Parish Council regarding the reopening of the Community Halls in view of the ongoing Covid 19 situation. Following the conversation held at the last parish council meeting where it was decided to delegate this matter to the village facilities committee to further discuss, at this meeting it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the halls remained closed for the time being and to reconsider the matter once the schools had all reopened and a view of the situation taken at the next parish council meeting.

5.2 To review the hire fees for the community halls.
Deferred to the next meeting.

6 Brampton Park; Sports Facilities, Lady Olivia Centre, Grounds Maintenance

6.1 First steps to consider once the date for the handover of the Lady Olivia Centre is made known. Huntingdon District Council have been informed that the Parish Council is prepared to accept the building following a final inspection undertaken on the 21st August. Notification of the land transfer having been completed is still awaited. The clerk is to contact Andy Girvan of Campbell Buchanan to arrange a date for key personnel to attend training on how everything in the centre works etc.

SJ raised a question regarding the state of the sportsfield. The clerk will ask Andy Girvan what the plan for the field is as it is near the time it should be seeded.

7 Community Centre

7.1 Risk Assessment – to consider varying issues reported.

Gordon Tait had undertaken the risk assessment. It was agreed to deal with the leaks initially which would solve any water running into electrical fittings, an electrician will be called to check any areas of concern. Gordon can undertake any repairs that he is confident to do. JRC said that he would take a look at the cracked stained glass. He said the parish council need to have a plan as to the future of the centre fitting into the Parish Council's portfolio. MS said a review will be taken once the LOC is open. This was agreed.

The clerk raised a point that one of the sinks in the ladies toilet is being fed both from the mains

and the water tank and it shouldn't be, it should be tapped off. There was also concern about the materials of the water tank. JRC would find the asbestos report regarding this.

8 Memorial Centre

8.1 Consideration to be given to lowering the hedge along the Thrapston Road by 18 inches. NM had proposed this in order that the police etc could see over the hedge line and the groundsmen would be able to maintain it more easily. There was overwhelming agreement to this. The clerk will advise the Parish Council's groundsmen.

8.2 The provision of a heater for the workshed rest area £23.00 to £40.00
The current heater is either on or off. The clerk suggested the purchase of a convector heater with a timer control. All agreed to this. In addition the clerk suggested purchasing 2 of the heaters and one could be used in the office which would mean the whole centre need not be heated just for the office. The radiators through the centre could be controlled via the thermostats. This was agreed however JRC said still to purchase the 2nd heater should the office become cold.

8.3 General Matters
There was nothing more to discuss.

9 Changing Rooms

9.1 To consider reopening the Changing Rooms as a separate premise to the main Memorial Centre – Could the toilets be used?

MB updated the meeting of the Football Association's guide lines regarding changing rooms. It was agreed for the senior football teams to use the changing rooms, in the first instance this will be for an experimental one month period. The showers were not to be used, the toilets would be but the teams each have a Covid officer who will ensure the correct policing of these. The teams have their own risk assessments.

10 MUGA

10.1 Consideration to be given to finding a solution to make the MUGA fencing less noisy when balls are kicked against it. Residents are finding the noise very intrusive.
A discussion was held to consider any possible solutions. NM feels there isn't a great deal that can be done to reduce the noise and can only be expected when living near a playing field. JRC said the noise is very loud and suggests that more rubber is inserted into the fencing to suppress the noise. The fencing is the correct type for MUGA's. The Clerk suggested placing signs limiting the hours during which the MUGA can be used. NM mentioned there was, once, talk of gating the open ends of the MUGA but there was then a concern that if bullying was to take place within the MUGA the victim would be unable to escape. JRC said he was content to research further muffling of the fence and to place notices asking for consideration of nearby residents when using the MUGA.

11 Delegation to short list skate park tenders to be given to JC, JRC and JMB
11.1 Currently awaiting companies wishing to tender to arrange site visits and produce their tenders. The clerk advised of the companies wishing to tender, five in all. JRC said once the designs have been received they would be displayed and JC, JRC and JMB would view the tenders and make a recommendation to the Parish Council.

11.2 Consider seeking funding to support the costs of a new skate park

MB advised that the clerk should consult with Mark Clogg at Maverick who has recommendations of grantees who might well consider Brampton. The clerk said she would seek possible grants and consider the criteria.

12 Playing Fields including Maintenance to Cricket Square and Football Pitches

12.1 To consider replacing the benches, previously removed from the Memorial Gardens.
It was agreed to replace one of the benches facing onto the playing field rather than towards the houses as they were previously. It has to be remembered that since the benches have been removed those bereaved parishioners wishing to sit in the memorial garden to remember their loved ones have been unable to do so. JRC will put a letter together to the previously concerned residents to explain what is being done and to advise that they inform the Parish Council if they suffer any ill effects due to the reinstalment of the bench

To clarify the next step to clearing the area at the boundary of 49 Thrapston Road following the removal of the 3 Ash trees.

12.2 JRC said the next step was to replace the fence. The clerk said part of the fence is still in good order but the boundary needs to be clarified. She advised the current state of the area where the trees have been removed. She advised that the chain link fence is in a very poor state and had asked GTS for their advice, which was to clear the area right down the fence line. It was agreed that JRC and NM would meet on site on the 5th Sept at 10 am to revise the situation, SJ said it would be a good idea to start the hedge line from scratch and would give back some more

of the field. A recommendation would be made at the next Parish Council meeting.

Play Areas

To repair or replace the safety surface play area Memorial Centre – awaiting quote from Wicksteed.

- 13 The clerk had taken some photos of the surface which were displayed. It was agreed that it is in a poor state. The clerk is awaiting a site visit from Wicksteed from which it is hoped advice would be given regarding repair or resurface. JRC and NM will look at this on the 5th September and report their findings back.
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14 Next Agenda Items

The next meeting will be held on the 4th November and not the 1st

Close of Meeting

20.20

These minutes remain draft until ratified at the next meeting

J R Childs, Chairman