

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor



Minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee** meeting
held on **Tuesday 18th July at 7.00pm**
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Present: Malcolm Beswick, Chair (MB), Jon Chitty (JC), Mike Shellens (MS).

In attendance: Julie Davies, Spartans Football club, Tony Burnley, Brampton Football Club, Tess Rogers Clerk.

1. Apologies

Nigel Maggs, Annual Leave

2. Public Participation – User Group Representations

2.1.1 Football.

Tony Burley reported that due to the lack of players, Brampton Football Club has merged with Buckden forming the Brampton/Buckden Football Club. Most home games will be played at Brampton. Cambridge and Huntingdon Football Associations have agreed to the merger. There are now two teams. Three years ago Brampton had three teams which had dropped to two and it was becoming difficult to get one team together prior to the merger. MB asked when the merger had been decided and registered his surprise that Brampton Club hadn't been involved in the decision, Tony Burnley said this was agreed by the managers via email. The bank account will have to be renamed.

2.1.2 Julie Davies, secretary of the Spartans Football Club reported that there are fewer young people wanting to play football, certainly in those over the age of eleven years and a number of teams over that age have folded. Brampton currently has one under seven team, two under eights, two under nine then one of each under ten, under eleven, under thirteen and under fourteen.

The Spartans play mixed games but the girls fall away as the teams become older and the games become more physical. This committee will be informed if there is a sudden influx of girls playing, with a view to discussing what could be done to retain them as they get older.

Julie said that she would be standing down at the Spartan's AGM taking place on the 19th of July 23.

2.1.3 MB said that the current year's football grant had not yet been received. Julie said that this is paid into the Spartan's bank account and that she would investigate.

2.2 Cricket

No representative was present at the meeting. MB spoke of the difference in cost between hiring a roller for the cricket square or purchasing a second hand machine. He is still investigating the possibility of purchasing a second hand machine.

2.3 Netball

No representative was present at the meeting.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of May 2023.

Tony Burnley proposed the minutes to be approved as being a true record of the meeting, seconded by MS and agreed by those present at that meeting.

- 4. To receive an update about the resolutions from the above meeting.**
- 4.1 MB to check lighting for the MUGA at Brampton Park and that in the storage shed. MB to check lighting for the MUGA at Brampton Park and that in the storage shed. – the MUGA is not yet under the Parish Council's control.
- 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. Outstanding.
- 4.3 6.1 To site the outdoor table tennis table - grounds staff will be instructed to do this as soon as possible.
- 4.4 4.4 Awaiting the youth club's response to their involvement with professional graffiti on the skate park. MB said that he has the contact details of a street artist and will ask him to quote for some artwork to depict Brampton history. MS suggested that users of the skatepark should be allowed to comment on any artwork considered.
- 4.5 8.1 Clerk to approach One Leisure in St Ives to find out who resurfaced their MUGA. The company that resurfaced the MUGA at One Leisure have supplied a quote for our MUGA. Therefore further quotes will be sought.
- 4.6 9.4 To contact re initial quote to fence in the tractor play area at Brampton Park for current quote. The company is prepared to keep the price as originally quoted. A further company has been approached to provide a quote and is to carry out a site visit in the near future.
- 5. Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Grounds Maintenance**
- 5.1 Sports Facilities.
Not yet under the Parish Council's control.
General.
- 6. Memorial Centre Playing Fields including maintenance to Cricket Square and Football Pitches.**
- 6.1 To consider installing an irrigation system on the playing field.
A discussion was held, apparently there had been some kind of system on the field at some point. MB will put together a specification of what is required and pass this to the Clerk as guidance for requesting quotes from different companies.
- 6.2 To discuss the floodlighting over the Winter months.
MB said that the flood lights overlooking pitch 5, which is the training pitch, are not and never have been up to specification and are not suitable for twenty or more senior players to train by, so training will be done at Hinchbrooke. Julie Davies asked if, now that the soccer school has been moved to pitch three due to the overuse of pitch five, would pitch five be available during the winter months? She will take this up at the AGM the following evening.
- 6.3 To discuss the finding of original documents relating to the use of the playing fields.
MB had brought to a meeting a letter held by a resident regarding the use of the playing field and written by a Mr Papworth dated April 2000. The information held within the letter will be further investigated. Older documentation relating to this time, if held by the Parish Council, will be brought to the next meeting.
- 6.4 General.
Julie Davies asked when football training could begin. The groundsmen will be approached regarding the condition of the field.
- 7.0 Skate Park.**
- 7.1 General. As per 4.4

8.0 MUGA

8.1 MUGA – resurfacing. As per 4.5

8.2 General – nothing raised.

9.0 Play Areas

9.1 Memorial Centre.

9.2 Laws Crescent.

9.3 Brampton Park, tractor park fencing quotes as per 4.6

9.4 General nothing raised

10.0 Next agenda items

Nothing mentioned at this time.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date: