

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor



Minutes of the extraordinary meeting
of the **Finance Committee**
held on **Thursday 22nd of February at 6.30pm**
at the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Present: Jon Chitty, Chair (JC), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Alan Mellor (AM), Mike Shellens (MS).

In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk

1. To receive apologies.

Nigel Maggs.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. To discuss the administration of the grant awarded by the Football Foundation to the football clubs.

The Parish Council had been asked to raise an invoice to the Spartans Football club towards maintenance of the playing field to enable the club to apply for the funding grant originally awarded to it in 2019. The grant is payable over six years on an annual basis and has recently received a 28% uplift in its' value. The full amount of the grant has been received for the years 2020 to 2021 and 2021 to 2022. The Spartans haven't, to date, completed the paperwork to request the 2022 to 2023 grant which they are currently in the process of so doing. The grant is now dependent upon a commitment from the football club, which they would not be able to support, and which hadn't been required for the first two years. So after a comprehensive discussion, it was decided that a recommendation be made to the full Parish Council that it forward an additional grant to the club to enable it to claim the full amount of the Football Federation grant. Once the grant from the Football Federation is received the Parish Council grant will be returned from the Spartans. This process will likely need to be repeated for each of the remaining three years of the Football Federation grant to the Spartans.

4. To consider an estimate as to how much revenue would be lost, if an agreement not to hire out the Memorial Centre to other users whilst football was in progress on a Saturday, was taken.

If the Memorial Centre had not been hired to other users whilst football was in progress on a Saturday morning during the 2023 season it is estimated that a total of £3K would have been lost in hire fees.

A question was raised as to how the football clubs will pay towards the maintenance of the field once the Football Federation grant expired. This will be discussed at the next meeting of this committee.

The meeting was closed at 7.05pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date: