

# **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor



Minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee meeting**  
held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm**  
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

**Present: Malcolm Beswick**, Chair (MB), Jon Chitty (JC), Sue Clarke (SC), Nigel Maggs (NM).

**In attendance:** Kieran Palmer, Brampton Spartans, Tony Burnley, Senior Football, Andy Jarman, Senior football, Stuart Henderson, Cricket Club. Tess Rogers Clerk

## **1. Apologies**

Mike Shellens

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

### **2.1 Football.**

Kieran Palmer spoke on behalf of the Spartans Football club. Kieran has taken over from Simon Fletcher, who has stepped down as his children no longer play in the club. Kieran manages the under 8's team and is intending to stay in post for some time. His hopes are that the club will become more of a community club with more events and activities arranged to bring the teams together. Kieran asked 1) would it be possible to mark out pitch 5, (that behind the skate park) and could the flood lights be used for training? MB replied no due to this pitch being too close to the cricket out pitch. However, cones could be used to mark the pitch out. The flood lights were given for the use of the senior teams and if too many teams trained on pitch 5 it would quickly turn to mud.

2) the lines on pitch 2 aren't good, not very straight. The lines were better for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week's play. MB said that the grounds staff, himself along with Kieran will walk the pitches to discuss improvements necessary. 3) Would food trucks be allowed on the field during presentation day in 2024? This will be held in May and will depend on the cricket fixtures.

MB asked Kieran if the 2023 grant due from the Football Association has been received. Kieran said no but he would chase this up.

### **Action KP**

2.1.1 Tony Burnley asked how many more grants are expected from the Football Association. MB replied there are 2 more years to come. Andy Jarman said that the club has received a grant of £1440 from the Football Association toward the purchase of 2 new goals. However, the goals cost £2600, therefore the club is asking if the Parish Council would provide a grant for the £1200 shortfall required. The current nets have lasted for 10 years. JC asked for a basic statement of need setting out how much the current nets had cost and lasted for and what value of the new? A copy of the statement should be sent to JC, MB and the Clerk.

### **Action TB**

Tony said that the senior pitch markings were fine, but the centre and goal mouths were in poor condition. The Clerk will chase up the contractor who seeded and fertilized the field this year to see when he will visit to fertilise again as he was waiting to purchase a spinner.

### **Action Clerk**

### **2.2 Cricket**

Stuart Henderson said that the cricket square has not yet been scarified. The Clerk responded that the trailer usually hired in from Huntingdon Cricket Association was no longer available, but the grounds staff will look to undertake the work if they are able to borrow a particular piece of equipment.

### **Action Grounds**

MB asked Stuart if the club roller hired for the recent season was adequate for the Club's requirements to which the answer was yes and that it makes a big difference to the condition of play. The cost to hire the roller from February to September amounted to £3000.00, to purchase a roller would cost £9500.00. MB will propose the purchase of a club roller to the full Parish Council rather than continuing to hire one as this would pay for itself within four years. JC asked that the cricket club should provide the Parish Council with a statement of need for a roller, in order to provide an audit trail for this purchase if it is agreed.

#### **Action: MB/Cricket Club**

#### 2.3 Netball.

There were no representatives from either netball team. However, over the past weeks there has been concern over the teams using the Memorial Centre's internal wash rooms. Therefore, it was agreed to supply the Monday evening team with a key to the changing rooms. They can then use the facilities there.

#### **Action: Clerk**

#### 3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.**

JC proposed acceptance of the minutes as being a true record of the meeting, seconded by MB, all who were present at that meeting agreed.

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

##### 4.1 Spartans secretary to investigate whether the expected FA grant has been paid yet.

See 2.1 above.

##### 4.2 MB to research the cost of purchasing a second-hand roller for the cricket square or to continue renting.

See 2.2 above.

##### 4.3 MB to check lighting for the MUGA at Brampton Park and that in the storage shed. Outstanding.

##### 4.4 Cricket Club to investigate outside funding for the purchase of cricket practice nets to include a porous aggregate base for full length wicket.

To be discussed at the Cricket Club's AGM to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

##### 4.5 MB to seek quote for graffiti on the skate park from a street artist known to him.

MB had been in contact with a street artist who would charge £2000 to professionally graffiti the vertical sides of the skate park. It was agreed to monitor the level of graffiti being applied to the skatepark and revisit this if the situation worsens.

##### 4.6 Further quotes required for resurfacing the MUGA.

It has only been possible to gain one quote although several companies have been approached. The quote received was for £14,945.00 with an additional £2,274.00 for optional kerbing. MB suggested asking Bendcrete, the company that had built the skatepark, if the resurfacing of the MUGA is something they might consider doing.

#### **Action: Clerk**

##### 4.7 Further quote required for fencing in the tractor play area on Brampton Park.

2 quotes have been received. A further quote will be requested.

##### 4.8 MB to produce a specification for an irrigation system on the playing field and to pass this to the Clerk to seek quotes.

NM said there was some original pipework below ground level leading from stop cock at the corner of the skatepark to the cricket square. The water here is at mains pressure. MB said investigations will be made into whether this pipe is still viable.

#### **Action: MB/Grounds**

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

##### 5.1 Sports Facilities.

These have not yet been passed to the Parish Council therefore no discussion has to be had.

##### 5.2 Consideration of a monkey challenge fence on the site.

5.3 Following a discussion, it was agreed not to consider this as an addition to the site.  
General.  
No more to add.

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

6.1 To consider the possibility of hiring out the playing fields to a children's football coaching company for children aged 2-8 years of age.

As Brampton has enough of its' own teams this wouldn't be considered.

6.2 There is still a new CCTV camera in store where could this be used?

This could be erected on one of the MUGA floodlights and angled to cover the dugouts. The Clerk will approach the CCTV company for a quote to undertake this work.

**Action: Clerk**

6.3 General.  
No more to add.

**7. Skate Park.**

7.1 General.  
Graffiti as at 4.5

**8. MUGA**

8.1 MUGA – resurfacing.  
As at 4.6 above.

8.2 General.  
None.

**9. Play Areas**

9.1 Memorial Centre. – All fine

9.2 Laws Crescent – The new fencing looks good.

9.3 Brampton Park, tractor park fencing quotes.  
As at 4.7 above.

9.4 General.  
None

**10. Budget figures required for the 2024-2025 financial year.**

A possible contingency should be allowed for new equipment, i.e. a new mower.

Kieran asked if it might be possible to have portable floodlights? He was asked if there might be a grant from the Football Association. JC asked if this was possible where could the lights be stored? Costings for portable lights would need to be obtained before this can be put before the finance committee.

**Action: KP**

**11. Next agenda items**

Nothing raised.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Signed:  
Chair

Date: