

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: *Alan Mellor*

Minutes of the meeting of the **Sports & Recreation Committee**
held on 22nd February at **7.00pm**
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton



Present: Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Jon Chitty (JC), John Childs (JRC),
Mike Shellens (MS).

In attendance: Tony Burnley, Brampton & Buckden Football Club, Kieran Palmer, Chair of the Spartans Football Club, Stuart Henderson, Cricket Club, Tess Rogers, Clerk.

1. Elect a Chair.

JC volunteered to take the Chair for this evening's meeting. All agreed.

2. Apologies

Sue Clarke, Nigel Maggs

3. Public Participation – User Group Representations

3.1 Football – to include discussions held at the extraordinary finance meeting immediately before this meeting.

3.1.1 Andy Burnley thanked the Parish Council for the grant paid toward the purchase of new goal posts and that the club is currently in the process of arranging the purchase.

3.1.2 Kieran Palmer said that the lines on the junior pitches aren't straight and that the penalty spot is not in the right place. He asked if the grounds staff could put this right. The Clerk asked that he accompany the grounds staff when they next mark out the pitches to ensure this is done correctly.

3.1.3 Kieran said that girls football training will be taking place on the 17th and 24th of March. There will be no requirement for the use of the Memorial Centre itself.

3.1.4 A brief mention was made regarding the Football Federation's grant and discussions held at the extraordinary Finance meeting which took place immediately before this meeting. JC explained the decision taken at that meeting.

At this point JRC had to leave the meeting.

3.2 Cricket

3.2.1 Stuart Henderson asked when the cricket roller will be available. The Clerk responded that it is on order and should be delivered towards the end of April.

3.2.2 Michael Nunes is organising children's cricket to take place on Friday evenings. This will include children from Hinchingsbrooke.

3.2.3 Stuart asked if/when the cricket square will be scarified as he felt it hadn't been done for a considerable amount of time. There is the question of the right equipment not being available. Stuart said that the cricket club had a sponsor associated with Hire and Buy who may be able to help with the supply of the equipment. The Clerk will ask the grounds man about the Parish Council's position regarding the accessibility to the right equipment. JC expressed surprise that the Parish Council did not possess its' own scarifier after all the work undertaken in the past to get the cricket pitch up to par. JC asked Stuart how much a scarifier would cost, this would be in the region of £1500 to £3000. JC asked Stuart to provide some quotes for such a purchase.

- 3.3 Netball
There were no members of the netball teams present.
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of October 2023.
JC proposed acceptance of the minutes as being a true record of the meeting. Tony Burnley seconded as he and JC were the only attendees of that meeting present at this.
- 5. **To receive an update about the resolutions from the above meeting.**
 - 5.1 2.1 Kieran Palmer to chase up the outstanding football grant – ongoing
 - 5.2 2.1.1 Football club to forward a statement of need for new football nets. Complete and nets being purchased.
 - 5.3 2.1.1 Clerk to chase up contractor to arrange the autumn fertilizer of the football pitches. Having tried to contact the contractor who carried this out the Clerk explained that he is not responding so it may be necessary to look for another contractor.
 - 5.4 2.2 Cricket Square to be scarified. As per 3.2.3.
 - 5.5 2.2 Statement of need required for the purchase of a new roller for the cricket pitch – as per 3.2.1.
 - 5.6 4.6 Clerk to contact Bendcrete re the re surfacing of the MUGA – awaiting response from Bendcrete.
 - 5.7 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 – outstanding.
 - 5.8 4.7 Further quote for the fencing in of the Tractor play area on Brampton Park – Received. However all 3 quotes now need to be updated.
 - 5.9 6.2 New CCTV camera – quote required for installation. The Clerk has contacted the installer and is awaiting a quote. Send copies of correspondence to JC.
 - 5.10 Specification required for an irrigation system on the playing field. To investigate the pipework leading from the stop cock at the edge of the skatepark leading to the cricket square – is this still viable? JC said he would follow up on this item.

5. Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Grounds Maintenance

- 6.1 Sports Facilities.
- 6.2 General.
The formal green spaces are still not under the Parish Council’s control, MS asked if it would be possible to arrange a phased release of all but the playing field (it must be noted that the car park will need some repair before the Parish Council will accept it into its’ control).

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

- 7.1 Cricket Square
- 7.2 Football Pitches
- 7.3 General – Additional CCTV camera.
All the above has been discussed elsewhere in these minutes.

8. Skate Park.

- 8.1 General.
The skate park is still in good condition and is used very regularly by people of all ages. It is seen as a great addition to the village’s facilities.

9. MUGA.

- 9.1 General.

The Clerk is awaiting a response from Bendcrete regarding any recommendation for companies that might be prepared to quote to resurface the MUGA.

10. Play Areas

- 10.1 Memorial Centre – Annual Play Area Inspection Report
Following the annual inspection undertaken by the Play Inspection Company all actions noted, bar one, were marked low risk. The action marked moderate risk referred to the chains on the cantilever swing. New chains have been purchased and installed. The reports will be passed to the grounds men to schedule any necessary repairs into their daily work diaries.
- 10.2 Laws Crescent - Annual Play Area Inspection Report
Following the annual inspection undertaken by the Play Inspection Company all actions noted were marked low risk. The reports will be passed to the grounds men to schedule any necessary repairs into their daily work diaries.
- 10.3 Lighting on playground off Hinchingbrooke Road, Brampton Park.
A local resident had expressed a concern that the playground is not lit and is attracting drug takers. As the playground is not, as yet the Parish Council's responsibility there is little it can do other than report this to the local police officer at the next meeting held with him.
- 10.4 General.
Nothing under this item.
- 10.5 Final Recommendation regarding the fencing in of the Tractor play area on Brampton Park.
As per 5.8 above.

11. Next agenda item.

Nothing under this item.

Signed:
Chair

Date: