

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the Sports & Recreation Committee meeting
held virtually, via the TEAMS platform, on Monday 31st of January 2022

Present: Malcolm Bainbridge, Chairman (MB), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Jon Chitty (JC),
Ronald Stevenson (RS), Nigel Maggs (NM).

In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk

1. Apologies

Simon Fletcher

2. Public Participation – User Group Representations.

None present

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of November 2021

Accepted as read having been approved at the December Parish Council meeting.

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

4.1 4.1 Cutting back conifers all done.

4.2 4.2 Matty Pond and David Hayden still to undertake online courses re cricket square maintenance management. The Clerk is to agree with the cricket volunteers as to which courses have/will be undertaken.

4.3 6.3.3 Container to store cricket equipment. The Blue container in the Memorial Centre car park is currently housing equipment for the Men's shed. The equipment will be moved in, the near future leaving the container to house the grounds equipment currently stored in the container on the play field. The cricket equipment can then be stored in the vacated container

4.4 6.3.4 The new Cricket season starts after Easter. The Clerk is to check if fixtures have been supplied. The water stop cock buried in the ground near the cricket square is thought to be able to supply water. It is currently capped and requires a tap attached to it. However, it may not be needed as the Parish Council has hosepipe of a sufficient length to reach from behind the work shed. MB will ask the grounds men to dig down to the stop cock and a decision will then be made as to whether it is required.

4.5 6.3.5 Not yet looked at signs for air bourne balls. MB suggested that appropriate wording for such a sign be forwarded to John Childs along with a request for a quote to provide the signage.

4.6 6.3.6 MB said the Parish Council has agreed to volunteers working on the cricket square.

4.7 Garner Close boundary. MB has discussed with residents and quotes for appropriate boundary fencing are being taken to the finance meeting on the 9th of Feb.

4.8 7.1 Graffiti artist to work on the skate park. MB had contacted one artist but has now lost contact. Will look to recontacting. Any offensive graffiti to be painted over immediately. Groundsman was looking to attempt to remove the current graffiti. Result not yet known. NM advising the use of an anti-graffiti covering to go over paint.

4.9 8.0 Parish council's electrician to be consulted re MUGA lights. The electrician is attending site with a generator to ensure that the lights themselves work. If so, a new cable will be supplied and connected to the electricity supply box attached to the Memorial Centre. Hopefully the lights will be back working in the very near future. The casing of the control panel on the lights themselves has been badly damaged. It is hoped that this has not affected the inner workings.

MB says a quote for the work to be done will be discussed at the finance meeting. Need to clarify who will dig the trench to lay the cable. Will have a digger on site to remove hedging at Garner Close so could, hopefully, dig the trench for the lighting at that time.

5. Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Grounds Maintenance

- i) Sports Facilities
- ii) Grounds Maintenance.

No update available re the S106 agreement. MB was on site with drainage expert who said the pitches will be ready for play in September.

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

- 6.1 MB said the pitches have taken a pounding in recent months. The 2021/22 Football Association grant as not been received yet. Andy Coles will chase as not clear why this hasn't been received. The Clerk will contact Simon Fletcher for an update. If there is a problem is there anything the Parish Council can help with?

MB complimented the grounds men as the pitches are being looked after well. NM said the weather has been better this year. The Parish Council has better equipment now. It is hoped that the Spartans will play at Brampton Park from September. Freeing up the Memorial fields for the senior teams. Mike Shellens will be asked for an update on the S106 agreement.

- 6.2 MB has received quotes for a roller for the maintenance of the cricket square, to be taken to the next finance meeting.

7. Skate Park.

- 7.1 To discuss the mounting of the CCTV on one of the floodlight posts, At a previous meeting of the Village Facilities meeting, it had been agreed for the company, Sports Lighting, would attend site and lower the floodlight in order for a CCTV to be mounted upon it. This decision was made within the last six months and cannot be revisited at this time. Therefore, it was agreed to proceed with that decision.

- 7.2 The retention on the skate park is now due. It was agreed that this should be paid. The new skate park is proving a great success and there appears no reason to withhold the retention.

8. MUGA

Lighting (see 4.9 above).

9. Play Areas

- 9.1 The annual inspections of the Memorial Centre (MC) and Laws Crescent play areas took place in December and the reports have been received. Nothing was noted above low risk. A few recommendations had been made and these will be attended to by Gordon Tait.

- 9.2 The new fencing around MC play area is now done and looking good. Huntree Fencing will be asked to provide a quote to replace the fencing around the Laws Crescent play area.

10. Next Agenda Items

Quote for Laws Crescent fencing.

The meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: