

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the **Sports & Recreation Committee meeting**
held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7 pm
in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Present: Malcolm Beswick, Chairman, (MB), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Catriona French, (CF),
Nigel Maggs (NM), Mike Shellens (MS)

In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk, Robert Steadman, Cricket Club, Jasmine Hart, Netball Club.

1. Apologies

Tony Burnley, Senior football, Simon Fletcher, Spartans Football, Stuart Henderson, Cricket Club.

2. Public Participation – User Group Representations.

MB explained the format for this item as Jasmine Hart was unaware of the procedures. Jasmine reported that the netball team had won the league in 2021. MB explained that the netball equipment will be stored in the blue container on the Memorial Centre carpark. The netball club will need a key to the container. Netball training will be carried out on the MUGA on a Monday evening between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm. MB asked that the club inform the committee if they have any problems with having only use of the MUGA during that time.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st of January 2022

The minutes had been accepted at the full Parish Council meeting held on the 16th of February therefore taken as read.

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

4.1 4.3 David Hayden and Matty Pond to undertake online courses re the maintenance of the cricket square. The clerk will ask Robert Steadman which of the courses the volunteers have undertaken to ensure all are doing the same.

4.2 Wording for a sign warning of airborne cricket balls to be forwarded to London House Signs for a quote to be received. The Clerk has requested this and is waiting for a response.

4.3 Clerk to organise graffiti on skate park to be covered.

A conversation was held, and it was agreed to paint over the graffiti with white paint and cover this with anti-graffiti varnish.

All other actions have received the appropriate attention or are covered in this agenda.

5 Contact with The Sports & Development Officer at Huntingdon District Council.

MB is still to contact the officer.

6 Drainage between the Memorial Centre and the public highway continually blocked, to consider a resolution to this.

The Clerk is to contact a company such as Dal A Rod for a quote to use a camera to view the blockage within the drain.

7 Lady Olivia Centre; Sports Facilities, Grounds Maintenance

7.1 Sports Facilities

MS has contacted the S106 officer at Huntingdon District Council regarding when the Parish Council will receive responsibility of the formal green spaces and is awaiting a response. The grounds must be in a suitable condition for the District Council to accept them from the developer.

7.2 Grounds Maintenance

The Personnel Working Group will be convened in April to discuss the staffing of the Lady Olivia Centre to include the grounds maintenance. The Parish Council has a tractor capable of carrying out the necessary work at the Centre. However, it is in full use already.

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

8.1 To consider the purchase of a pedestrian weed sprayer

The current sprayer is leaking therefore needs replacing. The Clerk had available one quote at the meeting. JMB proposed to purchase a replacement weed sprayer costing no more than £700.00. MS seconded this; all were in agreement. It was agreed to get a further quote from Arthur Ibbetts.

8.2 To consider quotes for a new roller for the cricket square.

A roller is an essential piece of equipment to maintain the cricket square. These cost in the region of £16k new. However, it might be possible to purchase a reconditioned machine or even to rent one. The roller would be used for up to twenty weeks of the year.

MB will meet with Stuart Henderson who has sourced various quotes for rollers before a decision can be taken.

8.3 MB will meet with Stuart Henderson, Robert Steadman and Allan Moore regarding a maintenance plan for the square.

8.4 To decide between to service and repair the cricket square mower or to replace.

MB proposed to repair the mower at a cost of £1.044 rather than the basic service of £471 as this would ensure the cutting height would be correct. JMB seconded this and all were in agreement.

A roller is required for the artificial cricket pitch. The Clerk will check if the company that supplied the pitch should return to roll it or if the Parish Council is now responsible.

8.5 General.

Robert Steadman reported that 16 young people have signed up to play cricket.

Jasmine Hart thought that around 60% of the netball players are local to Brampton. Twenty of the ladies are in the league.

MS suggested a brief note should be put in the Brampton magazine stating the sum of all sports played in Brampton and the number of all participants taking part.

8.6 Update on the mounting of the CCTV on one of the floodlight posts.

Robert Steadman explained how the CCTV could be connected up to the power supply which is mounted on the wall of the Memorial Centre. He will visit the site to view the post and explain this prior to an electrician visiting to make the connection and the company to supply the CCTV.

9 Skate Park.

9.1 Contact for graffiti artist for the skate park.

The Clerk has got a contact for an individual who teaches the art of graffiti. A discussion was held regarding the village youth undertaking the graffiti, officially. Perhaps once the youth club has been reinstated this might be a project they could take on.

9.2 Skating Lessons on the Skate Park.

The individual who carries out the lessons will be asked to provide his credentials to ensure he is covered and that the Parish Council holds no liability whilst he is teaching on the park.

10 MUGA

10.1 Update on the current lighting situation.

A trench has been dug into which ducting has been laid for the supply of electricity to the lights. MB is in the process of getting quotes for this. One quote was received. However the contractor was reticent to undertake the work as the job isn't something he does on a regular basis.

10.2 Consideration to be given regarding residents/groups booking the MUGA

It was agreed that no booking system should be introduced as there has never been a problem with individuals getting in the way of groups, ie, netball, when they are training etc. this item will be left as an agenda item, should any problems arise in the future.

11.0 Play Areas

11.1 General

The Clerk has asked the maintenance worker to check through the annual inspection reports and to undertake any repairs reported as being necessary.

11.2 The new fencing is now up along the Garner Close boundary and after having cleared all the dead shrubbery the playing field has gained an extra 6 metres. Therefore, the junior football pitch can be moved over by 2 metres therefore the side lines will no longer encroach on the hexagonal pathway leading to Coronation Avenue.

11.3 The old concrete sided bench has been removed from near to the Garner Close boundary and can now be replaced with a recycled bench. This and the two other benches along this boundary line can be moved back towards the new fencing. The bench near the bowls green needs replacing and this will be done whenever a resident requests a memorial bench to be placed somewhere in the village.

11. Next Agenda Items
Alleyway at Coronation Walk
Play areas at Brampton Park

The meeting was closed at 8.35 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: