



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (Chair), Bob Entwistle, Matt Kennedy (EBCC), Antony Owen (EBUFC), Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jayne Bond (EBPC), Cllr Steve Hiscock (EBPC), Chris George (EBCC), Jonathan Groves, James Peel (CS2), Paul Smith (EBS&CT), Cllr Sam Weller (EBPC).

2. Meeting held 7th February 2023

(a) Approval of Minutes - It was agreed to approve the minutes.

It was noted that the recommendation for the removal of the tree in the car park was made at the last meeting and approved at the February meeting of EBPC. Since this approval was granted, the work has been cancelled due to planning not being in place. Care should be taken not to order works before the necessary checks are made.

3. Project Manager Update (CS2)

(a) Completed Actions –

- A meeting was held with the M&E consultants to talk through the design. AO advised that, having taken informal third party advice, it is recognised that the proposed system is very good. The capital outlay may be a little higher but the running costs will be lower.
- The kw required was reduced to fit in with what DWH are providing.
- The long-term option would be to instal solar panels with mains to battery back-up.

(b) Current Activities – no update

(c) Outstanding Decisions/Approvals Required

- Value engineering still needs to be carried out to identify where savings can be made.
- Savings could be made to the access road if it is constructed more like a “farm track” which will still be permeable but with the finish. It should, however, be noted that it would be hard to get funding later to improve the road surfaces.
- Another option is to lose the patio/decking and raise money for this later.

4. Building Design Update/Discussion (CS2)

- No update

5. Planning Status (CS2) –

- Need to check if the biodiversity report was submitted.
- Still waiting for STROMA report to be received. MK's report on noise was submitted.
- RS to chase Richard Colson for an update.
- PM has raised concerns about the process with NNC ward councillors.

6. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH (AO) –

- Work has been carried out on the bank by the A4500 and pictures provided to show how it now looks.
- Waiting to hear back from Fineturf regarding pitch extension.
- Work on north bank expected to be carried out in late March/early April.
- A meeting is to be requested regarding the irrigation.
- DWH has confirmed that maintenance works will be carried out on the hedgerow.

7. Budget Update Review (AO)

- A decision needs to be made over how the shortfall is to be met. Shortfall likely to be approximately £1m-£1.5m.

8. Funding Update/Discussion (SG)

- **Football Foundation Funding –**
 - Surveys have been completed.
 - Forms for next stage to be signed by RS.
- **Tesco –** £1000 awarded from Community Grant Fund.
- **Other funding –** SH and RS working on application for National Lottery.

9. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (BE)

- BE confirmed that Get Up and Go classes start at the facility on 27th April.
- A PT has also approached the club to start using the facility for inside/outside exercise classes.
- MK looking into membership.

10. Any Other Business (All) –

- MK asked whether a 2m fence should be erected on the boundary to the west of the cricket pitch. It was noted that there is currently no funding for this.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11th April 2023