



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (Chair), Cllr Jayne Bond, Cllr Tim Brennan, Matt Kennedy (EBUFC), Antony Owen (EBUFC), Paul Smith (EBS&CT), Cllr Chris Wood, Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gemma Broadhead, Nick Chapman, Steve Dodds, Vicky Gould, Dean Smith, and Bob Entwistle.

2. Meeting held 3rd September 2024

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

3. Project Update –

- A new plan has been drawn up, which includes the building shape as agreed at the consultation event and the stripped back parking(plan 214-001-001P13).
- Meetings were held last week with Slatters, the 3G pitch providers.
- Their fixed price expired yesterday but they agreed to hold the price if work would be starting in November.
- This is unlikely as they have not yet submitted applications for their planning conditions to be discharged.
- Archaeology starts on 14th October and, depending on what it found, this could also hold up the start date.
- A letter of intent could be issued to Slatters, but there would be a cost implication should archaeology find anything. Therefore, Slatters has been asked to re-price for a January start.
- The new price is expected to be received by the end of the week.
- The Football Foundation/EBPC could argue that Slatters has contributed to the delay by not carrying out the work required to discharge the conditions until now.
- It was felt that, as a November start date is unlikely, a letter of intent should not be issued.
- A final decision will be taken by RS, who has delegated powers, once the new costings have been received.
- Landscaping – Mood Landscapes has been appointed.
- Bob Aldridge has confirmed that he is happy to assist Antony as project manager.
- Thanks were expressed to Antony for his continued hard work.

4. Planning Status

- RS has sent in an application to discharge the conditions relating to noise assessment and the pitch power report.
 - The conditions must be monitored for time sensitive conditions.
 - Residents of Northampton Road will be notified once a date has been agreed to instal the fence on the western boundary.
- 5. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH –**
- A meeting has been requested with DWH on 15th October.
 - A list of items/agenda is to be drawn up and AO is happy to lead the meeting.
- 6. EBPC Update –** it was agreed that all parish councillors should be reminded that they are culpable for all decisions made regarding the development. They need to be proactive and ensure that they have all the relevant information available in order to make informed decisions.
- 7. Budget Update Review**
- To be reviews once new costings received.
 - PWLB loan requires an updated consultation, which EBPC will deal with.
- 8. Funding Update/Discussion**
- (a) Football Foundation Funding –** update as in item 3.
- (b) North Northants Council –** currently with legal.
- (c) Other funding**
- Chris Ellis actioning the buy a brick scheme.
 - MK suggested a “Change to The Grange” campaign to collect spare change.
 - Opportunities to sponsor gym equipment, trees, etc to be publicised.
- 9. Publicity**
- Successful Football Foundation grant to be publicised, along with next steps.
 - TB to draw up an article for next months Barton Today.
- 10. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (PS)**
- Meeting held on 23rd September.
 - A request was received for the cricket nets and football stand to be specifically named as part of the phasing, rather than being referred to an ancillary items. AO explained that this had been done for the Football Foundation grant application, which takes account of eligible funding.
 - BE advised that he will be stepping down from the Trust and from the Project Managent Team at the end of the year.
 - Thanks were expressed for the many years of hard work that Bob has dedicated to the project.
- 11. Any Other Business (All) –** none raised.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4th November 2024