



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at The Grange Sports Field

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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Brennan.

2. Meeting held 3rd December 2024

(a) Approval of Minutes – following a small amendment relating to wording, it was agreed to approve the minutes.

3. Project Update –

- The next steps for the project were shared by AO.
- A pre-start meeting will be held with Slatters, Fieldturf, MGAC and Football Foundation on Monday 13th January.
- It is likely that the start date of 20th January will have to be moved if pre-commencement planning conditions have not been approved.
- Need to check if there is any financial implication if the start date has to be postponed if Slatters don't have their planning conditions approved.
- New pavilion – negotiating with architects and engineers over design continues – design simplified to keep costs down.
- Drainage proposals being worked on – these will be sited to the south of the access road.
- M&E – air source heat pump and solar panels have been suggested. AO looking into.
- A load meter reading to be carried out on the old pavilion to ascertain usage.
- A structural survey also needs to be carried out on the old pavilion and look into whether change of use if needed for physio to work from building.

4. Planning Status

- The planning portal is out of date so no update available on applications submitted.
- Decision on condition relating to ecology has been moved to 17th January.
- RS has submitted a formal complaint about the delays and will follow this up.

5. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH –

- A meeting is to be held with DWH on 15th January.

- DWH advised that no provision for storm water from the all-weather pitch to the sud has been allowed. If this is not permitted, an additional cost of £36000.00 will be charged by Slatters for drainage.
- We are still waiting for final proposals and need to determine what we will accept financial contributions towards.
- The proposal regarding the hedge on the eastern boundary and the fence on the western boundary is unclear and needs clarification.
- AO has asked for a meeting with DWH this week to discuss the sud and electrical loading.

6. EBPC Update – no update.

7. Budget Update Review

- RS to apply for PWLB loan following public consultation.
- Balance of the sports fund and updated income/expenditure to be sent to AO.

8. Funding Update/Discussion

(a) Football Foundation Funding – some elements of the build are not part of the FF grant and we need to pay 100% of the costs of these (outdoor gym, path, nets, spectator standing, etc). Consideration needs to be given on how to maximise the grant funding.

(b) North Northants Council – currently awaiting funds.

(c) Other funding

- Buy a Brick – 13 sold so far. Continue to push on social media once the build starts.
- ECB – MK to look into funding from ECB for environmental initiatives.
- PS to look at Howden’s “free kitchen” grant.
- RS to look at National Lottery and Mick George.

9. Publicity

- TB be asked to put together an article for Barton Today promoting sponsorship/fundraising opportunities.

10. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (PS)

- EBS&CT to look into creating a Facebook page.
- More enquiries are being received – eg: flag football.

11. Any Other Business (All) - none

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3rd February 2025