



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at The Grange Sports Field

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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jayne Bond.

2. Meeting held 3rd February 2025

(a) Approval of Minutes – it was agreed to approve the minutes.

3. Project Update –

- The only pre-commencement conditions outstanding relates to lighting and we should have a decision on this by 26th March, at which point a start date can be finalised.
- It was noted that Slatter's are unable to carry out additional pitch works whilst on site as their groundworkers don't have capacity. AO to ask the Football Foundation for recommendations.
- Looking to carry out landscaping in November.
- The plans for the existing pavilion have been drawn up. Just some additional checks on trusses need carrying out. The canopy and existing windows on the eastern elevation remain.
- The plans for the new pavilion and refurbishment of the existing pavilion will be received to create a build pack by the end of the week.
- FF require some kind of "meaningful" development before 31st March, and we are awaiting a definition on meaningful and whether archaeology can be counted.
- AO still looking into provision for solar panels.
- An M&E consultant is still needed to draw up the design for building control.

4. Planning Status

- A section 184 licence has now been granted by NNC Highways, which means that work can start on the access from the A4500.
- The Construction Environmental Management Plan has been approved.
- The application for the variation of the plans for the pavilion has been given a 4-week extension.
- We now need to work through the pre-start conditions for the pavilion.

5. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH –

- Still awaiting calculation on drainage into the sud and quotes for the revised electricity supply.
- Hedgecutting has been carried out on The Wickets side of the hedge but no on the sports field side.
- DWH to be asked to supply and install fencing on boundary rather than make a financial contribution.

6. EBPC Update – no update.

7. Budget Update Review –

- We currently have no price for the build of the new pavilion and refurbishment of the existing building and costs continue to rise.
- The preferred option to move forward with the build is to negotiate with the preferred contractor from the tender process but reserve the right to go out to tender if we are unhappy with the quote. This is subject to this being in line with new procurement legislation.

8. Funding Update/Discussion

(a) Football Foundation Funding – no update.

(b) North Northants Council – everything is now in place to make staged payments..

(c) Other funding

- PWLB loan application has been submitted.
- ECB – MK is attending a funding fair with Northants County Cricket and will look at funding opportunities.
- PS has applied to Howden's for their "free kitchen" grant and expects to hear back in April.
- Sam Weller has applied to Nationwide's funding scheme and expects to hear back in April.

9. Publicity

- Next publicity to be based around the start of the build.
- Bob Entwistle has agreed to cut the turf when building begins.
- A stall will be requested at Earls Barton Carnival and the Soap Box Derby to raise awareness.
- TB to look at sponsorship material.

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

- EBS&CT held a meeting on 17th February.
- It was agreed that a meeting room would be named after George Blackwell as well as the addition of a brick slip in his name.
- It was decided that the switches to the floodlights should be in a lockable box on the lights.
- A pitch hire/partner enquiries open evening is to be held in the summer – date to be confirmed.

11. Any Other Business (All) - none

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th April 2025