



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at The Grange Sports Field

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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Brennan, Peter Morrall and Cllr Steve Olloman.

2. Meeting held 2nd December 2025

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

3. Project Update –

(a) Construction of 3G Pitch, Access Road and Car Parking – Snagging.

- The only item outstanding now is the dividing net.
- No solution has been agreed and Slatter won't change the net as it's a FF design.
- Look at again in the Spring and, maybe, budget for changes with agreement from Slatter.
- There is a 12-month warranty on the net so still time to reach an agreement.
- Issues with lights/timers now resolved.

(b) Construction of new pavilion

- A site meeting with the contractors was held on 5th January – minutes to be circulated.
- Work is around 1 week behind due to weather.
- Timers have now been fitted on the drying room in order to control electrical costs.
- The kitchen design was presented and it was agreed that this should include an oven.

(c) Construction of other phases

- The cricket nets have been installed, but concerns were raised over a defects list.
- A meeting is to be held with the contractor to discuss what action will be taken to address the snagging list prior to the final payment being made.
- EBCC asked for an electricity supply at the nets for the bowling machine.
- Fencing is mostly complete, with a few areas outstanding – RS to ask for completion date before payment invoice.
- The order has been put in for the solar panels for the old pavilion.

- Confirmation has been received that the electricity supply will be coming in from Main Road/Northampton Road near Newman and Reidy.

4. Planning Status

- All outstanding planning applications to discharge conditions have now been approved.

5. EBPC Update

- No update.

6. Budget Update Review –

- AO/RS working on the updated budget.

7. Funding Update/Discussion

- RS has contacted the Football Foundation about the Women in Football grant and will now need to get quotes for CCTV, lighting, shaded seating area, coffee machine, etc.
- RS to apply to the Co-op Community Fund for funding for a coffee machine for the existing pavilion.
- MK advised that ECBs themes this year focus on making viewing cricket and the environment better.
- CW continues to look at alternative funding sources.

8. Publicity

- Buy a Brick has an April deadline for the current phase. Posts to be added to social media and Barton Today to advertise this.
- Some bricks were sold over Christmas but no figures given.
- AO has bought a time capsule to be buried underneath the entrance to the new pavilion. EBUFC, EBCC and EBS&CT have been asked to provide photographs and memorabilia to be placed in the time capsule.

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

- Staffing – 2 part-time caretakers have been appointed.
- More interest has been forthcoming from education providers to use the facility.
- The 3G pitch is now booked out most evenings.

10. Any Other Business (All)

- As there are currently proposals to build up to 1100 new dwellings around Earls Barton, it was suggested that the Project Management Team and EBPC should consider what Section 106 funding could be acquired should the plans be approved.
- AO/RS to investigate producing a vision document which lays out what we want should permission be granted.
- RS to ask NNC for current S106 requirements for Earls Barton.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd February 2026