



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at The Grange Sports Field

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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Olloman.

2. Meeting held 3rd February 2026

(a) Approval of Minutes – it was agreed to approve the minutes, subject to MK noting that £10,000 grant money had been paid to the cricket net providers.

3. Project Update –

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

- AO requested that planning permission is sought to alter the hours of use for the 3G pitch, allowing teams to access the pitch from 8.30am on a Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Nets – it is believed that the nets provided are not weighted. PS discussing this with the NFA.
- Railings and kerbs – Slatters need to carry out the necessary repairs prior to the 12 months warranty expiration. £27,000 has been held back for snagging.
- Lights issue now resolved.

(b) Construction of new pavilion

- UKPS are currently in contact with third-party landowners regarding the electricity feed. We have stated that we need the electricity by April.
- Openreach – now registered. A quote for the cost of services is expected this week.
- Parking – in order to deal with parking issues over the summer, AO proposed that a 2m close board fence is erected on the 7v7 pitch south of the cricket square, allowing for additional parking which would be accessed from the lane. This would have a cost of approximately £4,000. JB advised that Community have also agreed to use their site for overflow parking.
- Fencing - Additional fencing has been agreed and costed up. Consideration needs to be given as to whether we need 3 ball strike fences.

- Trendgrey – a meeting was held on 2nd March. They are currently around 5 weeks behind but have been asked to look at where time could be saved in order to bring that down. The budget looks to be on target.

(c) Construction of other phases

- Kitchen in existing pavilion – this has been completed and was done at cost. The contractor waived their fees associated with the work.
- Roofing of old pavilion – work is being carried out to increase the thermal efficiency of the building. Thereafter, the solar panels will be installed. The extractor fans have been disconnected and will be re-sited during the refurbishment. The cost of carrying out the work is almost fully funded. A Structural Engineer is being appointed to ensure the weight of the solar panels can be taken by the roof. It was also agreed that the inverter for the solar panels should battery storage.
- EBPC to consider the process for engaging a contractor to carry out the refurbishment work on the existing pavilion. It is envisaged that this work would commence in August 2026.

4. Planning Status – No update.

5. EBPC Update

- Draft Vision Document has been referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to progress.

6. Budget Update Review –

- The budget is currently on track with a small contingency fund.

7. Funding Update/Discussion

- CW has written to a number of fundraisers and is awaiting responses.
- PS to provide a constitution for use in funding applications.
- It was noted that applications should be in the joint names of EBPC and EBS&CT.

8. Publicity

- It was disappointing that there was no publicity in the March issue of Barton Today. TB to contact the magazine to ask for a double page spread in the next issue.

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

- PS met with the Football Foundation.
- It has been agreed that we are currently in year 0 of delivery.
- Work needs doing on provision for women and girl's sport.
- Daytime use to be improved.

10. Any Other Business (All)

- Woodland Tree pack was delivered. PS to liaise with site team about planting.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th April 2026