



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Tim Brennan (Chair), Rob Mair (EBCC), Matt Kennedy (EBCC), Cllr Steve Olloman, Antony Owen (EBUFC), Paul Smith (EBS&CT), Peter Morrall

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Wood, Cllr Jayne Bond & Rosie Smart (EBPC),

2. Meeting held 5th May 2026

(a) **Approval of Minutes** – It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting.

3. Project Update –

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

- AO requested **ALL** snagging issues to be documented by all site user groups ready for collation and submission to contractors at the end of August
- Outdoor gym is now open for use and Jim Graley is holding a demonstration event on Saturday 7th June. QR stickers are still required to be applied to the equipment and a fence panel next to the gate is still be exchanged as gate does not currently close correctly.

b) Construction of new pavilion

- Current completion eta is end of August. This is approx. 4 weeks behind original dates and discussions are ongoing on how to minimise the over run
- Decisions on internal colour schemes, window frames, doors and floor coverings are in the process of being confirmed for orders to be placed
- Ball strike distances are to be checked by RM and AO
- AO updated that a number of costs have increased following finalisation of requirements and increases in raw material costs for the jogging track. AO proposed potential option to split the workload across suppliers to minimise costs and will update at next meeting.

c) Construction of other phases

- It was confirmed we will appoint (XXX) to assist with the tender process for the refurbishment of the existing clubhouse. EBPC to approve at next meeting 8/6/26
- As of 27/5/26 we had already received 3 expression of interests from parties looking to bid on the refurbishment.

4. EBPC

- No report

5. Budget Review

- RS to provide AO with an updated reconciliation of expenditure
- AO to update next meeting on budget status following receipt of updated outgoings from RS

6. Funding

- RS to update next meeting on the Sport England Movement Fund application for £15,000 towards the exercise track.
- MK to update next meeting re ECB funding towards the patio area outside the new pavilion.
- TB updated the group on initial review and email exchanges with Fundin.ai for possible funding streams. It was agreed to progress conversations to potentially engage them on a more formal basis to review funding for Padel courts if planning permits. TB to update at next meeting.
- Carried over discussion from previous meeting to understand planning position re potential for Padel court addition - The suggestion of introducing padel courts to the facility as part of a future planning phase was discussed. It was agreed that there are three points to consider; where would the courts be situated, what would the cost be, and would planning permission be required. RS to contact NNC Planning to determine whether courts would be included within the scope of the current planning permission or whether a further planning application would be required.

7. Publicity

- Opening event for the new Pavillion agreed to be held over the weekend of 5th/6th September
- TB to request space in the July and August Barton Today Magazines to promote awareness of the opening event

8. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust

- PS confirmed he has provided a quarterly report for Earls Barton Parish Council as joint funding applicant

9. Any Other Business (All)

- None raised

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2026