



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 2026 at The Grange Sports Field

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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Matt Kennedy (EBCC).

2. Meeting held 7th July 2026

(a) Approval of Minutes – It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting of 7th July.

3. Project Update –

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

- The car park was constructed at the wrong height which is causing problems with the external finishes. Slatters have attended a site visit to look at solutions. AO has requested a financial settlement and is still awaiting a response.

(b) Construction of new pavilion

- The next meeting with Trendgrey is scheduled to take place on 17th August.
- The interior of the pavilion is progressing well but there are issues with cooling that still need resolving in the multi-use room.
- It is still anticipated that the build will complete by the end of August, should the issues with power be overcome. The building could be handed over on a generator, and one is being hired, but we need to satisfy planning if it's required to run the building. We will need to monitor the noise levels to ensure it complies, and acoustic fencing is being looked into to reduce any noise impact.
- Cables to be installed on Monday 10th August and distribution board on Wednesday 12th August.
- Open Reach – order has been placed by the Trust and they will be attending a meeting with PS on 10th August.
- CCTV – an agreement has been reached with a couple of modifications.
- Paths around the pavilion – gabions to be installed down to cricket pitch.

(c) Construction of other phases

- Irrigation tanks now fitted and filled.

- A meeting with the architect will take place on Monday 17th August to finalise the plans for the refurbishment of the existing pavilion.
- It was agreed that one window would be replaced with French doors, opening inwards, with a 185mm shutter on the outside.
- A tender pack will then be created for James Peel to share with those chosen following the Expression of Interest process.
- RS confirmed that no change of use would be required for the physio/treatment rooms.

4. EBPC

- EBPC agreed to approve the recommendation to invite local contractors to take place in the tender process for the refurbishment of the clubhouse.

5. Budget Review

- Big variations are coming and and AO is currently going through the figures.
- It may be required to cut the 9v9 pitch in order to save money.

6. Funding

- FF have confirmed that the time to claim against their grant has been extended to October 2026.
- Funding is available through Mick George but the closing and decision date is too late to claim for the paths or refurbishment. Costings to be provided to RS for additional car parking and the patio, which could be covered by the grant.
- LTA Padel grants require at least 2 years accounts, which precludes the facility at present. RS to look into whether planning would be required.

7. Publicity

- As we don't have certainty over the opening event for the new pavilion, it was agreed that we ask Barton Today to reserve 1 page for the project and ask when the last date for an article to be submitted is.

8. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust

- The second meeting of the Steering Group has been held.
- Good progress is being made with the women/girl's game requirements.
- Good support is being received from local governing bodies.
- The next Trust meeting will be held in September.
- The site team will be growing once the new pavilion is open.
- Hospitality will also be looked at at the next Trust meeting.

9. Any Other Business (All)

- None

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th September 2026