



BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a virtual meeting (Zoom) of the Bratton Recreation Ground Committee held on
Monday 3rd August 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr M Manson (Chair), Cllr J Ligo, Cllr N Morris, Mr P Sharland, Mr G Preuveneers, Mr S Lloyd.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk).

Open Forum to hear from members of the public – None.

	AGENDA ITEM
BRG80	Apologies for Absence Mr N Kew, noted. Mr T Gingell, noted. Mr T Jamieson- Yates, noted.
BRG81	Matters arising from the March 2020 Committee meeting Members considered any matters arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 4th March 2020 (copy of minutes previously circulated) – members approved the accuracy of the minutes, which would be referred to the Parish Council for adoption (proposed Cllr Ligo, seconded Mr Manson).
BRG82	Finance Report a) Statement of Accounts– members received and noted the financial reports as at June 2020 (information previously circulated). b) The Clerk reported that the reserve (capital) account currently stood at £12,991.47, the underspend from the PC's capital grant from 2019-20 and the grant from the F.A having been transferred into the account. The Chair reported that he had updated the budget for 2020-21, which he had circulated to members and which it was noted superseded the budget the Clerk had circulated with the agenda papers. The Chair spoke to the revised budget, highlighting the changes which had been made to the expected income and expenditure. <i>A copy of the revised budget is appended to the minutes for ease of reference.</i> The Chair reported that the electricity costs had risen substantially and it was noted that regular meter readings would be taken to monitor this. Members discussed the provision of sanitising equipment and noted that there was currently sufficient equipment in place to take teams through to the end of September 2020. Following this it was agreed that teams would

	<p>be asked to provide their own sanitising materials. The Chair would liaise with the clubs accordingly to discuss this.</p>										
BRG83	<p>Football and Cricket</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on the use of the Recreation Ground for football and cricket matches reporting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lloyd had agreed to co-ordinate bookings for the next few months. • The Chair had designed a combined football and cricket playing programme to consolidate bookings. • Until the end of September there were 25 different bookings, not including the evening training sessions. • The teams using the ground for weekend matches were outlined. • Mr Sharland reported that cricket normally took priority during August and thanked the Chair for the efforts which had been made to de-conflict bookings. He also pointed out that Trowbridge Junior cricket may need the pitch on Monday evenings, although this was not definite. The Chair confirmed that there was currently no football training on a Monday night so this would be acceptable. • It was reported that the Recreation Ground was now being used informally and that the users may not always be residents of Bratton. This was noted to be a matter for the Parish Council. Cllr Ligo reported that this had been raised in the past and it was felt that a further discussion was warranted, noting that the ability for residents to use the field during the Covid-19 pandemic was a benefit. It was agreed that this would be listed as an agenda item for a future PC meeting, with reference to be made to the conveyance for the gift of the land. It was noted that the management of any resulting arrangement would need to be carefully considered and monitored. Cllr Ligo referenced the need to consider the access arrangements to ensure that disabled access was provided for. It was agreed that Cllrs Ligo and Morris would look into these issues and report back to the Chair. 										
BRG84	<p>Recreation Ground maintenance and improvements</p> <p>The Chair had circulated a report on improvements/planned improvements to the Ground including ground surface and drainage improvements (list copied below). The Chair reported that an aeration and fertilisation of the ground had been carried out in April 2020, with 40 tonnes of topsoil being added to the pitch in the previous year. The improvements which had been listed were noted to be in line with the improvements recommended by the F.A in 2018. The Chair reported that a further inspection by the F.A had been due prior to the Coronavirus outbreak. The Chair spoke to the below listed proposals and the funding options as outlined in the comment section of the table.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1666 1442 1944"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="268 1666 499 1738">OPTION</th> <th data-bbox="499 1666 730 1738">TYPE</th> <th data-bbox="730 1666 975 1738">DETAIL</th> <th data-bbox="975 1666 1201 1738">COST</th> <th data-bbox="1201 1666 1442 1738">COMMENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 1738 499 1944">1</td> <td data-bbox="499 1738 730 1944">Aerate Ground in Sep 2020</td> <td data-bbox="730 1738 975 1944">Solid tine aeration as recommended in FA Pitch Inspection</td> <td data-bbox="975 1738 1201 1944">£585</td> <td data-bbox="1201 1738 1442 1944">Cost covered by FA Pitch Improvement Fund grant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OPTION	TYPE	DETAIL	COST	COMMENT	1	Aerate Ground in Sep 2020	Solid tine aeration as recommended in FA Pitch Inspection	£585	Cost covered by FA Pitch Improvement Fund grant
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2	Top dress junior pitch	Sand dressing as recommended in FA Pitch Inspection	£1700	already received (£2500)
3	Improve drainage to reduce water on playing surfaces	Drains on north and east sides of Ground. See detail below.	£2700	From RG reserve plus £215 from remainder of FA grant
4	Plant trees	Copse in NE corner of Ground, plus trees on north and east sides.	£100	30 mixed trees from Woodland Trust, and protection sleeves and stakes
5	Drainage to front of pavilion and garage	Professional excavator plus volunteer help	£2500	Next phase of car park plan started in 2018

The total cost of the proposed works was noted to be £7,585.

Mr Sharland asked whether additional sand could be placed on the southern area of the cricket square, reporting that an extension to this area would be of great benefit. The junior pitch would also be top dressed.

It was agreed that it would be useful to publicise the work which had been carried out at the Recreation Ground in recent years and the Chair would send some information to Cllr Ligo for inclusion in the next Parish Magazine report.

Members discussed the need for a new sign at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was asked to obtain some quotes for a professional, robust and vandal proof sign. Sponsorship could then be looked at.

The Chair outlined the revised plans for the drainage, as referenced in item 3 above. It was confirmed that the majority of the work would hopefully be carried out by volunteers with professional support for the earthworks from Mr Mike Button. It was anticipated that 6-7 days would be required in order to complete the planned work. The adjusted budget had been revised from the £2,700 listed to £3,100. Cllr Ligo confirmed with the Clerk that the contract could be let without a tender process being run due to the specialist nature of the work. The Chair reported that it was hoped to carry out the work in September before the ground became too wet.

The Chair further spoke to the proposals listed under items 4 and 5 in the above list.

	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Ligo, seconded by Mr Lloyd and RESOLVED to proceed with the works 1-4 as outlined in the report above (with an amendment to the budget for item 3) at a total cost of £5,485 to be funded from the Earmarked Reserve (currently standing at £12,991.47).</p> <p>It was agreed that an application for financial support of these projects would be made to the Westbury Area Board by the Chair.</p>
BRG85	Member Reports – None.
BRG86	<p>Issues from Clubs</p> <p><u>Bratton Cricket Club</u> - Mr Sharland reported that the cricket club was playing catch up with its games, having played 3 games so far with a further 6 or 7 coming up. He expressed his thanks for the purchase of the covers and the germination sheets, which had both proved extremely useful. The club was healthy in terms of members and equipment. Cllr Ligo noted that marketing of the club was necessary and that he would continue to include information in the Parish News for the remainder of the season as this was showing results in terms of membership and interest.</p>
BRG87	<p>Date and location of next Committee meeting</p> <p>Monday 26th October 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.