



## BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Bratton Recreation Ground Committee held on  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022** commencing at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall.

**Present:** Mr M Manson (Chairman), Cllr J Ligo, Cllr S Lloyd, Cllr K Rayward, Mr P Sharland, Mr G Preuveneers

**In attendance:** Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk)

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

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
BRG130	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Noel Kew due to ill health, noted.
BRG131	<b>Minutes of Committee meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Members approved for accuracy the notes of an informal meeting of the Committee held on <b>5<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> noting that these did not require formal adoption and agreeing to hold a copy on file.</li><li>b) To consider any matters arising from the above meeting of the Committee (not covered in following agenda items) – It was agreed to check the status of the overdue payment from Todd Slade. The Clerk would report to Cllr Ligo if further steps were needed. Mr Sharland reported that he had listed the youth equipment being stored at the Rec Ground, and would send this to Cllr Ligo for the PC to decide the next steps. Cllr Ligo would also liaise with local youth clubs and organisations to see if the equipment could be donated to them. The Chairman provided Cllr Rayward with some background information on this issue.</li></ul>
BRG132	<b>Potential installation of dug outs at the Rec Ground</b> Members considered a proposal from The Duke FC that dug outs be installed at the Rec Ground (correspondence previously circulated) and it was noted that the team were hoping to be promoted to the next league; should this occur the F.A would require dug outs to be provided. Although not needed for this season the team did wish to proceed with installation as soon as possible.

	<p>The Chairman outlined the detail of the work required for the dug outs as provided by The Duke FC and confirmed that the team would carry out the work and be responsible for any vandalism or damage; although any damage caused by other teams should be their responsibility. It was further confirmed that the dug outs would not represent any financial implication to the BRG Committee.</p> <p>It was noted that Wiltshire Council had not, as yet, confirmed whether planning permission would be required and Cllr Ligo stated that he felt it was unlikely this would be needed.</p> <p>It was also noted that the insurance arrangements would need to be clarified and any onward charging would be determined once the associated costs were identified.</p> <p>Mr Sharland referred to his previous suggestion that moveable dug outs would be an option; which could mean that the Cricket clubs could also make use of the facility. The Chairman reported that the cost of reasonable moveable dugouts would be £1,000 - £1,500 each; as two would be required this would be a total of £2,000 - £3,000. Members decided that moveable dugouts would be too expensive.</p> <p>Cllr Rayward noted that the dug outs would become an asset for the PC once installed and would therefore be available to other Rec Ground users. Onward maintenance was considered and it was noted that the type of dug outs being proposed were unlikely to need much maintenance.</p> <p>Following debate, it was agreed to approve the proposal in principle subject to the confirmation of the position relating to planning permission. The proposal would be submitted to the next Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.</p>
BRG133	<p><b>Bratton Cricket Club – ECB Grant</b></p> <p>Members received a report from Mr Peter Sharland regarding an ECB grant for the Rec Ground cricket facilities and considered the associated business case for recommendation to the Parish Council for approval (correspondence previously circulated) which included the following possible items. A copy of Mr Sharland’s presentation notes are attached to the minutes for reference. Members noted that the costs of the work outlined would be met by the ECB grant and there would be no call on the BRG finances to support the projects.</p> <p><u>Short Term Enhancements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covers for wickets</li> <li>• New sightscreen</li> <li>• Boundary rope</li> </ul> <p><u>Medium Term Enhancements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single lane net on area where the spoil heap is situated</li> <li>• Artificial wicket and mobile cage</li> <li>• Electronic scoreboard</li> </ul> <p><u>Long Term Enhancements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy roller</li> <li>• Pavilion enhancements</li> </ul>

	<p>Following Mr Sharland's presentation the issues were debated and the short term enhancements were approved for recommendation to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Members then debated the medium term enhancements and the proposal for the single lane net, artificial wicket and mobile cage was approved for recommendation to the Parish Council. It was noted that one member raised understandable concerns; which would be referenced and researched further by Mr Sharland. The proposal for the electronic scoreboard was also approved for recommendation to the PC as a medium term enhancement.</p> <p>Members noted the list for the long term enhancements, which would be considered once the short and medium term lists had been taken forward. Mr Sharland would investigate what would be required for any draw down in funding from the Wiltshire Cricket Board prior to the PC meeting; so that his report could include this detail.</p>
BRG134	<p><b>BRG Drainage Plan</b></p> <p>Mr Noel Kew had been due to provide updates on the plans for autumn drainage of the Rec Ground but had presented apologies for absence due to ill health. Cllr Rayward enquired as to the funding for any drainage project and the Chairman confirmed that the costs would be met from the BRG Reserve Fund. He reported that the cost would be in the region of £1,000 and provided some background on the proposed work for Cllr Rayward; confirming that the work would be carried out once the ground was damper.</p> <p>Members formally approved the work which had been proposed by Mr Kew (previous minutes refer for detail of work planned) up to the maximum cost of £1,000. The Chairman would liaise with Mr Kew accordingly.</p>
BRG135	<p><b>Potential installation of CCTV at the Rec Ground</b></p> <p>Members considered the installation of CCTV (previous discussions refer) and following discussion felt that this would be problematical given the legislative requirements for the operation of CCTV however, it was agreed to ask Mr Kew to investigate options for a CCTV system for the internal facilities at the Rec Ground.</p>
BRG136	<p><b>Member Reports</b></p> <p>Mr Sharland reported that Wiltshire Cricket would attend to carry out work to the wicket at the end of the season for the cost of £350; which was agreed to be reasonable. It was noted that this would be carried out within the budget allocated for wicket maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Ligo referenced the potential of piping the ditch water onto the ground to irrigate the football pitch. The Chairman reported that a suitable pump might be purchased for in the region of £100. Mr Kew had confirmed that 40 sq c m per day could be pumped without the requirement for a special licence. However, it was noted that the associated work required might be outside of the resources available to the Committee and the volunteer maintenance team. It was agreed to ask Mr Kew to investigate further.</p>

BRG137	<b>Date of next Committee meeting - To be agreed.</b>
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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.23 pm.