

Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee

CONSTITUTION

Background

Bratton Recreation Ground has been provided by the Parish Council following the generous donation of the land by Mrs Antonia Southern.

The Deed of Transfer requires the Council *to control through the Recreation Ground Committee (or such other committee or organisation as shall exist from time to time and as shall be controlled by the Council) the playing of games to include a formal booking system for the playing of games*

The Recreation Ground after extensive works was opened in September 1997.

Grants have been provided from a wide variety of sources. The facilities consist of football pitches, a cricket pitch, pavilion, team room, garage, car park and trim trail.

The Parish Council, as landowner, wishes to ensure that the Recreation Ground is managed and developed in accordance with the wishes of the community and the Donor of the land and has established the Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee with the following Terms of Reference.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) The Committee shall be called the Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee (RGMC).
- b) The Committee will consist of:
 - A Chairman elected by the Committee
 - Three members of the Parish Council
 - One member nominated by the Bratton Cricket Club
 - Three Members elected by the community at the annual parish meeting
 - Up to two further Members co-opted by the Committee

Any other sporting organisation using the Ground as their home venue for regular matches may also nominate one Member to the Committee with the agreement of the Parish Council.

- c) By virtue of Regulation 3(i)(a) of the Parish and Community Councils (Committees) Regulations 1990 non-councillor members of the Committee have full voting rights on the RGMC as the Committee is responsible for the management of the Recreation Ground, as land owned by the Council.
- d) A quorum will consist of four Members of the Committee irrespective of whether they are Members or non-members of the Council.

- e) The Committee will report to the Bratton Annual Parish Meeting each year when it will select (by election of necessary) the three members of the Community referred to in Para (b).
- f) The Committee has full delegated power for the management of all the assets and liabilities of the Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bratton within the overall budget of the Council.
- g) Meetings of the Committee will be open to the public and at least three days notice of every meeting will be placed on the Parish notice board.
- h) The Parish Clerk will act as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee.
- j) The Minutes of each meeting of the Committee will be reported to the Council in the normal way.
- k) Because much of the work of management, bookings, routine maintenance, security and development is carried out by volunteers the Council in its budget each year will identify a specific sum of money for repaying expenses incurred by volunteers and for other running costs.
- l) The Parish Clerk has delegated power to reimburse these expenses provided that the sum involved, does not exceed £50 and is certified by the Chair of the Committee. If the Chair of the Committee is the claimant the amount must be certified by one of the Councillors on the Committee.
- m) The Committee may wish to appoint a Working Group to manage the day to day activities at the Ground and carry on developing applications for grants to deliver the Development Plan for the Recreation Ground.
- n) A written note of these Working Group meetings will be placed before the Committee with appropriate recommendations for approval, which will then be passed to the Parish Clerk.