

BROUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, 18th May 2020, at 7.00 pm, via Zoom

The start of the meeting was delayed until 7.30 pm.

420. Record of Members Present

The following councillors were present: Councillors Price, Ross and Senior, and in the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by Councillor Senior.

421. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Simpson - due to interests.

422. Declaration of Interest

- (i) There were no declarations of interest.
- (ii) No dispensations had been given to any members of the Committee.

423. Matters Arising

Minute 414 Grounds Maintenance

Full Council had agreed with the Schedule of Work which had been recommended by the General Purposes Committee for 2020 / 2021.

Minute 415 Lettings Policy & Booking Conditions

Full Council had agreed with the Lettings Policy & Booking Conditions recommended by the General Purposes Committee with the additions.

424. Multi-User Games Area

Standing orders were temporarily suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Mark Fox of Broughton Ravers JFC was making preparations for the 2020 / 2021 football season. They had concerns about the size and condition of the floodlight area along with the timing of MUGA, because it was likely that this area would be out of bounds when the MUGA was built. He asked as a Club did they need to start making preparations to outsource their autumn / winter training, because it is something they would need to put in place in the next month or so due to the high demand and short supply of MUGAs and 3Gs in the area. Was the Council able to offer any reassurances that the MUGA will be built by mid to end of October subject to the lockdown, or if further delays did occur would the Council still be prepared to invest the £500 it originally agreed to spend on additional floodlights or allow a third party such as Ravers be able to help and work with the Council to improve those facilities on a temporary basis until the MUGA was built? The Mayor appreciated Broughton Ravers JFC were trying to plan ahead, however he could not make any commitments on timescale, lots of things still needed to take place but assured him he was trying to overcome any obstacles and get it over the line. In terms of the floodlights, he believed as the MUGA had not started then the Council should still be able to go ahead with the £500.

Councillor Whittingham thanked the Mayor for the amount of work he had put into the management plan. She felt there was a need to firm some of the figures up and resolve the VAT issue, and also asked about the tractor. The Mayor said in terms of the figures they were based on research, but some additional revenue streams he had not catered for, but he wanted to go to town on the expenses. The meeting tonight would discuss things in more detail before it could be put before Council.

Due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed by the Committee the press and public were then excluded from the meeting.

The Clerk had provided each member of the Committee with a draft copy of a management plan for the MUGA, which the Mayor then proceeded to go through with the rest of the Committee, and answered any questions raised during the discussion which ensued.

It was suggested:-

1. A copy of the management plan should be emailed to the Council's accountants to glance over it and see if anything has been omitted.
2. The Council's insurer should be contacted to see if they are able to help with regards to health and safety, risk management and policies to do with a MUGA.
3. Firm up some of the figures, both income and expenditure.
4. Find some more hirers
5. Await answers from North Lincolnshire Council including business rates and VAT.
6. Incorporate information given in an email from Broughton Ravers JFC into the plan.

It was resolved that the draft management plan should be noted and it be updated with new information.

425. Any Other Urgent Business

(i) **Spraying** - Some concerns were expressed about the signage which had been put up to do with the spraying which had taken place on the playing field. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact BCSA about it.**

426. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee is due to be held on Monday, 1st June 2020, at 7.00 pm, in the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton. **It was resolved that the information be noted.**

427. Closure of Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.