



Broughton Town Council

General Purposes Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Monday 5th February 2024 at the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre.

Present: Cllr Neil Simpson, Cllr Paul Senior (Chair), Cllr Ross & Cllr Lee.
Also present: Paddy Harrison, Mark Fox, Martin Hempstock & Clerk to the Council
– Deb Hotson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Taylor.

2. Declaration of Interest

To record declarations of interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr Simpson declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 3.

3. Hire of the field

To consider the fees for the use of the field for training and matches determining further actions required.

In response to the email received from Paddy Harrison with questions relating to the information provided by the Clerk on the proposed charges for the use of the field when training and the resting of the field May to end of July the following proposal was agreed.

It was recommended by a member of BSCA when to rest the pitches.

- The cost of the pitch is proposed at £12 per hour per pitch for the training.
- Training sessions are for 1 hour and it does not matter how many are participating in the training.
- Spring/summer resting – proposal that the grounds are not used unless matches have not been fulfilled. Parties are also acceptable. Each request will be dealt with on its own merits.

The request from a user to use the edges of the field to train - propose to full council to allow as long as there are no charges for the persons participating in this. An annual donation to the mayor's fund or a raffle prize for the Civic Dinner would be acceptable.

Cllr Simpson left the meeting.

Members of Ravers invited to attend and join the meeting as necessary.

Members of the Ravers Group joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

The Clerk relayed the proposals as detailed above.

The integrity of the meeting was questioned by a member of the Ravers Group, this was an error by not adding that the meeting was closed for discussion on other items on the agenda.

There was no intention to 'hide' anything from the Group and members had been invited to join at 7.30pm and not 7pm.

Members of Ravers provided the following information to the Council.

- Tournaments are run through May, June and July and the teams have to train for these.
- The pitches are rotated through the summer months and usage is reduced.

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- There are now 14/15 teams.
- Ravers try to avoid cricket matches so the car park does not get congested. It was suggested that a member of the Ravers Group is placed on car parking duties.
- If the guides want to use the field, then advance notice is required to ensure there are no matches being played.
- If costs are incurred for training, then these costs will have to be passed on to the parents.
- It was stated that Ravers charges are very low compared to other football clubs. The current cost to parents is £110 per child.
- Ravers to work out the additional costs to Ravers if training is paid for and to provide information on the rotation of the field to the Clerk.
- It was stated that they could look at minimal use of the pitches in July up to mid-August.

Cllr Senior stated that the Centre does not want to make a profit but to break even. When Ravers are using the facilities then staff have to be on site. This said the staff have to cover the building and cannot cover the parking issues.

The Ravers Group left the meeting and Cllr Simpson re-joined the meeting.

It was agreed that on receipt of the additional information tonight to defer any decisions to a later meeting when further information has been received by Ravers.

4. AOB

No further issues raised.

5. Date and Time of the next meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.