

BROUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday, 11th March 2018 at 7.30 pm, in the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton

32. Record of Members Present

The following councillors were present: Councillors P Senior (Mayor), Glover, Howe, Mumby-Croft, Portess, Tweedie and Whittingham.

Councillor Whittingham expressed concerns that two meetings of the Council were being held at the same time.

33. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Price & Simpson - Conflict of Interest, Councillors D Senior & Williams - work commitments, Councillors Waring & Whitaker -Clark - Other Meeting.

34. Declarations of Interest

- (i) No declarations of interest were made.
- (ii) No dispensations had been granted.

35. BCSA - FA Machinery Grant Application

The Mayor gave a recap of the last full council meeting and the decision to appoint BCSA to provide the ground maintenance for the playing field. He mentioned the FA's preferred option to see the Council work in collaboration with local groups to improve the sports facilities.

The Mayor also mentioned that the application at this point was speculative and that if the FA were in favour of the application a further meeting of the Council would then be able to review and approve / decline the terms of the joint grant application.

It was resolved that the Council should become a joint applicant with BCSA on the FA grant application for grounds maintenance machinery.

36. BCSA - Letter of Support

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow Mr Sean Clixby and Mr Mark Fox to speak.

Before Mr Clixby could speak Cllr Whittingham left the meeting.

Mr Sean Clixby mentioned that the FA had stated that we need the equipment in order to fulfil the Pitch Improvement Program report recommendations. He also stated that if actions were needed such as fertilising and the grant / machinery had not been received yet BCSA would still provide this and would sub-contract out the work. He also mentioned that the FA will inspect the field again roughly a year after the last inspection and would expect to see improvement. Improvement in the field would be required to see any further investment from the FA.

Mr Mark Fox said that he believed we need to make the field a place for all children and uses, such as kites, bikes, picnics etc, but it was not currently fit for purpose.

Standing Orders were then re-instated.

It was resolved that the following letter be submitted to BCSA to support their FA grant application:

To whom it may concern

At a meeting of the Council on Monday 25th of February 2019, Broughton Town Council (BTC) approved the selection of the Broughton Community and Sports Association (BCSA) as their grounds maintenance provider for the coming financial year.

This decision was taken with the understanding that BCSA would need to apply for grant money from the FA in order to fulfil the grounds maintenance requirements highlighted in a recent FA Pitch Improvement Program (PIP) inspection report undertaken at Broughton recreation field.

BTC were also aware that the PIP recommended a collaborative approach to grounds maintenance as the most preferred approach.

The Council met again on Monday 11th of March 2019, and agreed to the following statement, regarding the ongoing provision of sports and the grounds maintenance needed to provide suitable sporting facilities:

'Broughton Town Council has an ongoing commitment to the provision of safe and suitable sporting facilities and sports being played on the recreation field for many years to come, alongside our desire to see the facilities we provide in the best condition possible fit for all the community. We also acknowledge the need to work collaboratively with BCSA in order to achieve this.'

A further demonstration of our commitment to this collaborative approach between BTC and BCSA is the signing of a joint application to the FA for funding for grounds maintenance equipment.

37. Date, Time and Place of Future Meetings

The next ordinary meeting of the Full Council is due to be held on Monday, 25th March 2019, at 7.30 pm, in the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton. It was resolved that the information be noted.

38. Closure of Council Meeting

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.48 pm.