



Broughton Town Council

General Purposes Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 6.15pm on Monday 18th March 2024 at the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Lee.

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.

Mark Fox had provided a spreadsheet of predicted costs based on this year's training programme prior to the meeting. There are currently 203 members with 20 volunteers.

The club spent in the region of £22k last year and all excess funds were used to make improvements. The membership fees (currently £110 pa) cover new kit, insurance, administration, referee fees, coaching, equipment and trophies. Some tournaments and training are not included.

The current fees and cost to use the pitch are below the average for the area.

Fund raising is carried out by the club throughout the year.

Cllr Senior stated that the Council have to look into the charges for the use of the field for training but that he doesn't want this to be at the detriment of the children that play.

Sean Clixby joined the meeting.

Those present all agreed that there should be a charge for the training sessions used and it was agreed that 700 hours per annum would be charged over the next 3 years with a phased increase. For the first year an increase of 33% of the full increase will be implemented, the second year, 66% and year 3 would be the full increase. This fee will be paid in a lump sum annually at the beginning of April, and a record of hours used kept by Ravers and the Deputy Clerk. At the end of the season, any hours un-used would be reimbursed at the effective hourly rate (see table below). Any additional hours would be charged at £12 per hour per pitch.

The recommendation to be taken to full council.

The table below highlights the expected charges over the next 3 years minus an agreed discount.

Signed:

Date:

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Period Start	Annual Rate	Annual Hours	Effective Hourly Rate	Annual Increase
1 st April 2023	£3,045.00	700	£4.35	£ -
1 st April 2024	£4,830.00	700	£6.90	£1,785.00
1 st April 2025	* £6,615.00	700	* £9.45	* £1,785.00
1 st April 2026	* £8,400.00	700	* £12.00	* £1,785.00

* +/- any annual inflationary related increase

Any additional hours will be charged at £12.00 per hour per pitch.

Any unspent hours will be refunded at the "Effective Hourly Rate"

Broughton Ravers to continue informing the council of bookings / draw-down usage as they currently do.

To consider the fees for the use of the field for football training.

Sean Clixby manages the ground maintenance of the site and stated that the pitches needed to be rested in June and July. This was advised by the GMA.

BCSA fund the maintenance with the assistance of a grant from the FA and the cost to the Town Council. There is still a large deficit that BCSA funds themselves. The FA grant reduces year and year and there are now no funds to fertilize and seed the training area so this will not be included this forthcoming year. It was suggested that Ravers write to the Council for assistance in the maintenance of this pitch.

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 7.30pm.