

# Cricket & Football Vision WP

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

3.00 PM - ZOOM

Present: Cllrs Dawn Glenville (Chair), Keith Lynch, Rob Mayne, Mary Sherwin, Barry Walker, Paul Williams, Juliet Perry-Principal Officer, Andy Harrison-Estates Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members of the working party were present.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

Minutes of the meeting held 15th February 2022 had been circulated and were agreed as an accurate record.

3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM FC BURBAGE IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S LAST COMMUNICATION

Following Council's last communication to FCB & BSGCC advising resumption of football training at Hinckley Road Recreation Ground together with Council's expectations, a response raising further issues had been received from Phil Stockton, FCB chairman. The Principal Officer had circulated the correspondence and requested discussion and support from the working party members in order to be able to issue a response. After lengthy discussion members concluded that they very much wished the girls football and training to be able to continue through to the end of the season. Given the known current issues of ground condition at Hinckley Road Recreation Ground and recognising that there are currently no credible grassed areas to train on at Hinckley Road, it was agreed that training on the pitches could go ahead, so long as the pitch condition allows. The expectation is that FCB respectfully conduct training across the pitches avoiding the goal areas and the cricket outfield and that this be policed by FCB and BSGCC to ensure the pitch remains playable for the remaining season and the cricket outfield is not degraded further. Any further request by BPC to suspend training (temporarily) on pitches at Hinckley Road due to poor/waterlogged condition be respected. Other grassed areas "off pitch" to be cut when ground conditions allow for machinery.

A further concern from FCB had been whether the summer festival could go ahead again this year at Hinckley Road. It was agreed that there was no reason why this could not be facilitated at Hinckley Road, as per the previous year, if planned ahead in liaison with BPC Officers and BSGCC.

4. GROUNDWORKS AT SKETCHLEY HILL FARM RECREATIONAL GROUND

The Estates Officer confirmed that the contractor would be commencing levelling ground works in the coming weeks and plans to seed were going ahead. It was also confirmed that the regraded ground would facilitate additional grassed area for football pitches.

Cllr Mayne requested that a fully costed project for the provision of toilet and other facilities for sporting use at Sketchley Hill Farm Recreational Ground be presented to Finance & General Purposes committee for consideration at the earliest opportunity, with any funding opportunities to have been investigated.

The meeting closed at 4.16pm