

## **BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

A Meeting of the Amenities & Highways Committee at 7.30p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Carrier (Chairman), Macdonald, Shaw, Steggles, Watson and Wells.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Caborn, Parish Clerk; two representatives of Prostar FC.

1 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Comer, Thurtle and Wainwright.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none.

3 **SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

The meeting was suspended for Prostar FC's representatives to address the committee. They indicated that they would like the club to be able to transfer to Green Lane Playing Field as its 'home' pitch, as it regards the facilities as being better than those of the Borough Council owned pitches. Presently it does not have a regular 'home' pitch as such, but may be required to play at different grounds within the Borough, depending on what is available on the day. They reiterated their confidence that their League would be able and willing to arrange their 'home' fixtures and those of Celt Rangers FC to ensure that there would be no date clashes, and that it would be similarly possible to avoid home 'cup' game clashes, as such games do not have to be played on a specific date, but within a specified three-week time scale. In answer to questions, they advised that there are eleven teams within the League, and that there may be two or three more shortly, and that the season would start on 31<sup>st</sup> August, with all fixtures being played by the end of April.

They were thanked for attending the meeting, and for their contributions, and the meeting was re-opened.

4 **USE OF SOCCER PITCH AND FACILITIES, 2019/20 SEASON**

At the committee's last meeting held on 28.5.19, it was reported that the local Sunday League, in which El Sol FC had played for nearly 50 years, has been disbanded following steadily dwindling numbers of teams willing and able to participate, leaving that club without 'league' games to play, and it was therefore resolved to allow the club to hire the facilities on an occasional basis for 'friendly' games on a Sunday morning only, leaving only the 'Saturday afternoon' club, Celt Rangers FC, able to utilise the facilities on a 'full time' basis during the 2019/20 season.

The council has subsequently received a request from Prostar FC to also play Saturday afternoon home games at Green Lane Playing Field, with assurances given that arrangements would be made to ensure that its 'home' games will not clash with those of Celt Rangers FC, who play in the same league. The council's caretaker has indicated that he would be able to 'service' the additional fixtures. Celt Rangers FC has also been consulted, and the club has raised concerns about who would receive 'preference' in the event of both teams being drawn at home in a cup competition, and 'wear and tear' on the pitch, and use of its own equipment stored at the pavilion.

It was felt that there should be no pitch 'wear and tear' issues, in the event of an additional 'Saturday afternoon' team utilising the facilities, as the total number of fixtures to be played throughout the season should not be significantly higher than the number played last season. The council's own equipment (goalnets, corner flags etc.) would be used for Prostar's fixtures, as part of the hire agreement. It was **resolved to allow Prostar FC to hire the facilities for the 2019/20 season on Saturday afternoons on a trial basis, subject to receipt of assurances from the local League and Norfolk FA that suitable arrangements can be made to avoid fixture clashes between the two clubs, and that there will be no difficulties regarding other 'practicalities', such as provision of referees for the games.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed: ..... Date : .....  
Date of next meeting: 30.7.19