Broughton Town Council
General Purposes Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 7.15pm on Monday 12th October 2026 at the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre.

Present: Cllr Neil Simpson, Cllr Paul Senior (Chair), Cllr Janet Lee & Cllr Carol Ross.
Also present: Steve Murphy – Ravers & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
   Apologies for absence 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.
   None declared.

3. **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.**
   Resolved – to close the meeting to the public and press with the exception of Steve Murphy.

   It was agreed to move item 5 forward; this will still be recorded in numerical order.

4. **Phil Grundy refurbishment**
   To receive an update on the project determining any further actions required.
   Planning has now been granted with conditions.
   Clerk to engage with Quantity Surveyors to provide a service from Building Regulations to completion of the building.
   A detailed quote will be required from at least 3 contractors.
   The Council could revisit the pre-fabrication option too.

5. **To discuss the trusted user's policy determining any actions required.**
   Steve Murphy stated that he wanted to talk about the current trial of users accessing the centre without a caretaker on site and the issues that could arise. So far all has been ok but there are groups that could be at the far end of the site and would need access and security was a concern. The main issue was if there was a fire on site and no one was in the building to raise the alarm.
   Various other items were discussed, and it was agreed that the user policy would be provided to Steve to take a look and the clerk would investigate the installation of a toilet in the courtyard of the building for users.
   Steve left the meeting.

6. **Cricket**
   To discuss the future of the net facilities, determining any actions required.
   Cllr Simpson stated that the net was 10 years old and coming to the end of its life.
   To refurb the net would be approximately £25k but due to its east, west axis this could not be done in its current location.

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The discussion in the future is to build a new one on the MUGA land and the question to the Council is what they would like to do with the current net area? This can be used for outside storage as the area is secure. It will be recommended to full council to keep this area as outside storage.

7. **AOB**
   No other business raised.

8. **Date and Time of the next meeting.**
   To confirm the date and time of the next meeting, this will be arranged when required.

   The meeting closed at 8pm.