

Report of Grants Officer – Ali Sparrow

5 May 2024

Focus of this year has been on **Phase 1** of our Facilities Development Proposal (Project Smash – full details available on the Club website).

Phase 1 includes retractable floodlights for Court 1, a secure Clubhouse/ Storage unit and accompanying works, including fence strengthening (as required) and improved signage.

May 2023	We applied to the SUEZ Communities Fund in the sum of £22,000, but unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application.
November 2023	We were invited to a meeting by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council (BMSDC) along with other Bramford member clubs to understand more about the Section 106 funding available for Bramford, and were invited to apply.
December 2023	We applied to BMSDC to seek funding from the Section 106 funding for Phase 1 in the sum of just over £54,000.
January 2024	<p>We were delighted to be informed that we had been successful in our application and were awarded £43,141 towards the cost of Phase 1. The offer represented 78.66% of total project costs.</p> <p>In parallel, we applied to the Small Grants Application Fund of Sports England and were delighted to find out we had been awarded £15,000 towards the cost of the floodlights for Court 1. This application took a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of Carl Douglas. The award requires as part of the LTA initiative “<i>Tennis Opened Up</i>” to encourage as many people as possible to give tennis a go. Plans are in place for a “<i>Tennis for Free</i>” campaign as well as offering a limited pay and play facility.</p>
April 2024	We received confirmation that we had been successful in securing funding in the sum of £3,000 from The Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Settlement for Phase 1. Thanks, and acknowledgement to Graham Chappell for pursuing this source of funding.
Spring 2024	<p>Carbon8 commissioned to install the floodlights. Work to commence w/c 27 May 2024. Portable Space commissioned to provide the Clubhouse/ Secure Storage Unit (and associated delivery) and positioning on site. Delivery date schedule for 8 August 2024.</p> <p>Plans in place for further development of the Club as part of the Facilities Development Proposal.</p>