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Dear [REDACTED]

We know that you are keen, as we are, for you to be part of the community and to enjoy a positive rôle in the future of Bradford Abbas and we very much regret the recent schism and subsequent abuse you have suffered on social media and elsewhere.

At our Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 1st June the public present was unanimous in support of The Parish Council to assume responsibility for any liability associated with the village's continued use of Gollop's Ground.

The Parish Council would very much like therefore to publish on the Parish Council website - in the next few days - a joint statement from both yourself and the Parish Council to the effect that we have agreed with you in principle to either lease or sell Gollop's Ground to the Parish Council.

One of the first things the Parish Council would like to do after taking responsibility for Gollop's Ground is to erect (and maintain) explanatory signs and a combined litter bin and poo bag dispenser unit to nudge the community back to a responsible and safe use of Gollop's Ground.

There was also unanimous support for the Parish Council to apply for Gollop's Ground to become a village Green and for the Definitive Rights of Way map to be amended to how the footpaths were before the fence was erected. The Parish Council is now accordingly making those applications.

We very much look forward to your positive response and look forward to a more harmonious relationship going forward.

We would be grateful if you would reply to us via email by Wednesday 9th June.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Bennett: Chair, Bradford Abbas Parish Council

Iain Houston: Vice Chair, Bradford Abbas Parish Council
