

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
20th October 2015

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Clive Harrison.
Cllrs: Diane Finch, Sandra Ingham, Tina McKenzie-Boyle (Sub), Mark Phillips,
Paula-Elizabeth Pooler Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, Jo Woodcock.
Co-Opted Cllrs: Marc Brunel-Walker, Alvin Finch, Diana Henfrey, Sanjeev Prasad, Chris Turrell.
Apologies: Cllrs: Ash Merry.
In Attendance R Reeve TC, Burgess OSM, A Moffat RFM.
Environment Wardens – Danny Williams and Michael Maughan.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 9.35pm

1149 **Declarations of Interest**
None

1150 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 28th July were proposed by Cllr Mark Phillips and seconded by Cllr Paula-Elizabeth Pooler as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1151 **Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda**
1094 – The Scout group moving to Ringmead was the 2nd Easthampstead Scouts.

1152 **Lexicon – Town Centre**
The Chairman welcomed Simon Russian, Head of Retail Development at Legal & General Property, and Victor Nicholls, Assistant Chief Executive Bracknell Forest Council, to the meeting. The committee were then provided with an update presentation on the town centre regeneration, with an invitation for a next update in April to be given during daytime at Ocean House. A question and answer session followed. It was confirmed that the numbers from the water fountain had been retained and that a grand opening would be held once all the shops were ready to accept Customers in Summer 2017. Simon and Victor were thanked for the informative presentation.

1153 **Street Naming**
A paper was tabled at the meeting. Cllr Chris Turrell proposed the Council approve the six names recommended for the Lexicon. This was seconded by Cllr Diana Henfrey. The proposal to add Avenue, Eagle, Braccan, Lexicon, Union and Bull to the bank of street names for use in the Town Centre was APPROVED. Some additional names were also APPROVED by the Committee for the bank of street names - Queen Elizabeth II, Cook (in memory of Roger Cook) , Wheadon (in recognition of Tim Wheadon's contribution to the town) with the understanding that two of these do not comply with the local convention regarding not naming after living persons and one also further needs approval of the Queen's Household. A further list of names will be compiled by the Town Clerk from suggestions from other Councillors. These will be brought to a later meeting for approval before being submitted. NOTED

1154 **Budget plans.**
Yardley and Nettlecombe were noted as play areas that still particularly need refurbishment. These were already due to be refurbished in 2015/16.

1155 **Fees and Charges.**
Following a discussion it was AGREED to recommend that the fees and charges for 2016/17 increase overall by around 2% excluding football pitch fees, which are to be maintained. Officers to compile a report comparing fees with other providers, the cost of supplying the services provided and the trading position for the Coffee Shops.

1156 **Braybrooke Community Nature and Fishing Club.**
The Environment Wardens gave a presentation on the formation of a Braybrooke based Community Nature and Fishing Club, followed by a question and answer session. The Council would have one member on the committee to safe guard BTC's interest but the goal is for the club to be self-sufficient and pay BTC 60% of fees collected to maintain the area, which would maintain BTC revenue as currently with permits sold. The Environment Agency, Angling Trust and Bracknell Herons are all supportive of the proposal. There would be a variety of memberships available which would allow someone who does not fish but wants to be involved in the nature and social activities to become a member. Cllr Mark Phillips put the proposal to Committee to support the idea in principle subject to agreeing all the details as the idea moves forward. This was seconded by Cllr Sanjeev Prasad and AGREED by the Committee. The Environment Wardens were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

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- 1157 **North Lake**
A proposal to allow South Hill Park the use of North Lake as a car parking area for a limited number of large events was discussed. A majority of the Committee were agreeable, subject to the conditions outlined. However, this was not unanimous and it was agreed that some further investigation was needed, with a proposal agreed that this be considered further at the upcoming full Council meeting. Further information would be sought on traffic management, access onto and off the field, number of cars and layout, marshalling arrangements and use of other car parks locally. The Town Clerk agreed to arrange a further SHP meeting and for the matter to be reported back via next full Council. Officers were also asked to investigate how to secure North Lake against unofficial parking on the grounds at other times. RESOLVED: reports to be brought to Full Council for discussion.
- 1158 **Great Hollands Pavilion**
A business case will be considered by Strategy and Finance on 10th November.
- 1159 **Bracknell In Bloom**
Councillors congratulated the BiB team's achievement in achieving two Golds. The thankyou breakfast will be held at Braybrooke on 30th October and the Gala evening is on 28th October at Bracknell College. The team aim to secure Gold again next year as a step towards Bracknell being included in the RHS National competition in 2017. NOTED
- 1160 **Jocks Lane facilities.**
The Splash-pad operated successfully across the summer and further plans exist to improve the flow and ensure the jets run for longer. Tennis – repainting of the courts is completed and installation the floodlights is also nearing completion. A new water supply for the railway is in place. Installation of the Thames Water pipeline at the cut, alongside the footpath, is progressing well, for which the Town Council will receive a compensation payment and the contractors are also required to return the grounds to 'as found' good condition.
- 1161 **Playareas**
Excellent progress on planned installations has been made by the grounds team. Hedgehog Park is waiting a bespoke piece of equipment to complete the work, it is hoped this will be received by the end of October. Work will then starts on Stoney Road, Nettlecombe, Yardley and Quintilis, with some consultation expected over plans.
- 1162 **Tree Survey/works.**
The next areas to be survey will be Braybrooke and Garswood. Councillors requested that they are informed when particularly sensitive tree work is scheduled in their ward.
- 1163 **Brooke House**
The stairs at Brooke House have now been repaired and the Town Council is sorting the installation of a better 'shop front' downstairs, alongside which refurbishment of the upstairs office windows and a better rear entrance to Brooke House, hopefully with a BRP contribution to costs, will be progressed.
- 1164 **Metal Detecting.**
BTC had received a request to allow the use of a metal detector within the Elms Park. Following a discussion it was agreed NOT to grant this permission.
- 1165 **Other Updates**
Acorns Nursery – a new play area had been provided by BTC, using MIF funding from Cllr Kirsten Miller.
North Lake Fishing platforms – remedial work is required to stop the erosion of the banks and fishing platforms. A meeting is to be held to establish what is to be done and who will finance the project.
Football Summit – Dr P Lee MP arranged the summit with local football clubs and pitch providers to discuss ongoing pitch provision for the sport. Cllrs requested the minutes of the meeting be circulated.
Scout hut – The 2nd Easthampstead Scouts were progressing with moving their headquarters to Ringmead.
Events – the junior school rugby tournament was to be held at Great Hollands on 21st October, with the possibility of the school cross country event also being held at Great Hollands as well. NOTED

Date of next meeting – 26th January 2016 at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated