

**Bracknell Town Council**  
**Full Council Meeting**  
**23rd June 2015**

Present: Cllr Ash Merry – Deputy Town Mayor – Chairman  
Cllrs: Gareth Barnard, Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Graham Birch, Alvin Finch, Diane Finch, Denise Hamilton, Clive Harrison, Diana Henfrey, Peter Heydon, Sandra Ingham, Isabel Mattick, Tina McKenzie-Boyle, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler, Sanjeev Prasad, Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, M Tullett, Chris Turrell, Jo Woodcock.  
Apologies: Cllrs: Marc Brunel-Walker (BFBC Meeting), Peter Hill, Iain McCracken, Jennie McCracken, Roger Meakes, Mark Phillips (Mayoral Engagement).  
In attendance: R Reeve - Town Clerk (TC), J Burgess - Office Services Manager (OSM).

The Meeting opened at 7.30m and closed at 8.30pm

Councillor Chris Turrell gave a presentation in which he outlined the work being undertaken towards the preparation of a Bracknell Neighbourhood Plan. All Councillors were invited to become involved with the development of the Plan, and to note that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group Meeting was at noon on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in the Council Chamber

The Deputy Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1048 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**1049 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Mayor. There were no matters arising.

**1050 Mayors Announcements**

The Deputy Town Mayor gave the Councillors a brief outline of the events that the Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor had attended over the last few weeks. The Deputy Town Mayor reported that they are both settling into their duties and between them hoped to fulfil all engagements.

**1051 Planning Committee**

Councillor A Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

**1052 Environmental Services Committee**

Councillor C Harrison introduced the reports of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

**1024** - The Town Clerk was asked if all play area refurbishment work planned had now been completed ready for the summer holidays. The Town Clerk reported that all work scheduled had been completed apart from Birch Hill Central where work is due to start shortly. The 2015/16 scheduled work will restart after the summer holidays.

**1027** – An idea was put forward that Councillors approach businesses in their wards to help engage their support for 'In Bloom'. Councillors discussed how each member could get their local ward businesses involved. Councillor C Turrell recommended that an approach be introduced, with an approach designed and a briefing provided by the 'In Bloom' Committee to those Councillors willing and able to assist. This was AGREED

**1053 Staffing Committee**

Councillor C Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

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**1054 Strategy and Finance Committee**

Councillor C Turrell introduced the report of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015, subject to an amendment that identified Cllr Peter Heydon as the Deputy Chairman.

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

**1055 Received Income Transactions**

The Council noted the received income transactions from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. NOTED

**1056 Paid Expenditure Transactions.**

The Council considered the paid expenditure transactions from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 inclusive. NOTED

The reports had been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee. It was RESOLVED that the transactions be confirmed and the Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign these as a correct record.

**1056 To approve the Financial Statements (unaudited) for 2014/15.**

The Statements, having been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee, were recommended for Approval. The Financial Statements (unaudited) for the year ended 31st March 2015 were APPROVED and subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer. Councillor C Turrell added the statements show the Town Council is in a healthy position and would like to thank the Officers for managing this well.

**1057 To approve the Annual Return and the Annual Governance Statement for Submission for Audit.**

The Annual Return and the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 was APPROVED and subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

**1058 Complaints and Compliments Registers**

The registers were NOTED

The following points were noted

- 1) Mill Park – The Town Clerk, with Councillors, was in dialogue with McDonalds about volume of traffic and improving access to our BTC facilities. Café opening times were discussed, as well as a proposal that signs could be considered in the BTC car park advising ‘Parking for Park and Café users only’.
- 2) Fun Fair – Town Clerk advised the fair will be moved a bit towards the lake in September, with noise being carefully monitored.
- 3) Other -the Town Clerk was asked to thank the Staff for clearing the offensive graffiti so quickly and also for them dealing with cemetery queries sensitively.

**1059 Meeting Schedule for 2015/16**

The revised meeting schedule for 2015/16 was NOTED. The two changes were an additional Strategy and Finance Committee for 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and the Staffing committee then being moved from 7<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Next Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed .....Dated .....