

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
9th June 2015

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Clive Harrison.
Cllrs: Diane Finch, Sandra Ingham, Mark Phillips, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler,
Mary Temperton, Jo Woodcock, Roger Meakes (*substitute*)
Apologies: Cllrs: Ash Merry (BCA Meeting), Michael Skinner.
In Attendance Cllr Sanjeev Prasad, R Reeve TC, J Burgess OSM, A Moffat RFM,

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.25pm

1020 **Declarations of Interest**

None

1021 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 14th April 2015 and also for 19th May 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

1022 **Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda**

2914 - Play Areas. Litter is being caused by animals getting rubbish out of the bins in Mill Lane car park. The RFM reported that modified bins with lids are ready to be installed starting tomorrow. It was also noted that Birch Hill play area refurbishment was about to start

2917 - Park Run. Councillors reported that this is a successful venture and it is great to see all the families running together.

1023 **Jocks Lane Facilities.**

Splash Pad – Construction of the new splash pad is complete. Final adjustments are now being made to its operation before a formal opening later in the month.

Tennis – work had started on upgrading the tennis courts, with a target for July completion.

Pipeline – Work will be carried out between June and September. The Town Council will receive compensation from Thames Water and this will be re-invested in Jocks Lane.

NOTED

1024 **Play Areas**

The Committee NOTED the progress of the refurbishing of the play areas in the recent months.

1025 **Tree Surveys / Works**

The rolling programme of surveying the trees in the areas managed by the Town Council is continuing with the necessary tree works being carried out on a risk based basis. The recent focus has been on Great Hollands. Additional trees are due to be planted at South Hill Parked helped by BFC MIF funding from local Ward Councillors. The damage arising when the large oak fell at Jocks Lane over the Easter weekend had been repaired. The RFM agreed to prioritise surveys for some particular risk areas identified in respect of pine trees on BTC sites.

1026 **Great Hollands Pavilion**

The feasibility study for Great Hollands was now well underway and it is planned for this to be presented to the Councillor working group on 30th June. It was AGREED that no decisions would be made by Strategy and Finance or Full Council until the Working Group had prepared a report and submitted it to the relevant Committee.

1027 **Bracknell In Bloom (BIB)**

Plans for the 2015 campaign are being progressed. Two neighbourhood shopping areas are being worked on this year and the planting of shrubs in Wildridings had been completed. Sponsorship is always welcome and Cllr Ingham suggested that ward councillors be asked to approach businesses in the area directly – this would be followed up. The route had now been agreed for this year, and would include visiting the WI centenary roundabout that had recently been planted near the station. Hanging baskets planted up by residents will also be hung along the route before the Judges visit on 9th July. Great Hollands neighbourhood centre will be put forward as a project for next year. Councillor Phillips commented that the BIB Committee should be a depository for ideas on how to improve Bracknell neighbourhoods with BTC helping and advising rather than doing all the work.

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1028 **Events** happening over the next few months were NOTED. The Teddy Bears Picnic (TBP) was being organised by BTC this year for the first time, with gate receipts to be retained to support future TBP events being held.

1029 **Brooke House**

The progress of works on Brooke House was NOTED. A trophy cabinet for Bracknell In Bloom was now in place

Date of next meeting – 28th July 2015 at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated