

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
28th July 2015

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Clive Harrison.
Cllrs: Diane Finch, Tina McKenzie-Boyle (Sub), Roger Meakes (Sub), Ash Merry,
Mark Phillips, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler, Mary Temperton, Jo Woodcock.
Apologies: Cllrs: Sandra Ingham, Michael Skinner.
In Attendance J Burgess OSM, A Moffat RFM.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.25pm

1085 **Declarations of Interest**

None

1086 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 9th June 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1087 **Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda**

1022/2914 - Play Areas. Mill Park. The bins have been further modified with a mesh flap and seem to be helping to solve the problem.

1025 – Tree Surveys. The RFM clarified that BTC have a five year rolling programme for tree inspections.

1088 **Great Hollands Pavilion**

Following the meeting of the Strategy and Finance Committee various questions and lines of enquiry were raised. The Working Group will consider and investigate these and bring a report back to the Finance and Strategy Committee later in the year. Whilst the feasibility study had not at yet resulted in a design that the Committee felt was entirely suitable, it was noted that the town council now had a basis on which to develop ideas, so that agreement on a suitable design/ way forward could be achieved later in the year. The Town Clerk will prepare a business plan to go along side this report. NOTED.

Councillors said that feedback to date from residents and park users was that they were more concerned about getting updated play equipment than updating the Pavilion. Residents had also expressed concern about the possible loss of the paddling pool. A full risk assessment needs to be carried out on the paddling pool and BTC will use the knowledge learnt from the experiences at Jocks Lane regarding splash pads.

1089 **Bracknell In Bloom**

The judging day in July went well and the judges commented on the unique hanging baskets which had been planted by local residents at workshops organised by the Bracknell In Bloom Committee. It is hoped to continue this scheme next year. Results will be announced on 16th September 2015. NOTED

1090 **Jocks Lane Facilities.**

Splash Pad – New jets have been fitted to enable the splash pad to run for longer before it needs to shut off and replenish the tank with water. Other splash pads suffer with the same problem and the adjoining parish shut their splash pad down for two hours every day to allow the tanks to refill. The RFM is investigating the possibility of a second water pipe to increase the volume of water to the tank. Councillors requested the RFM to investigate making the jets higher once the water pressure has improved. NOTED.

Tennis – work has started on upgrading the tennis courts, this involves installing new floodlights, electrical cable, a water supply for the railway building and introducing a payment/token system. This work is to be timed for the autumn.

Pipeline – Thames Water are laying their water pipeline under the Cut and the footpath area alongside in September, for which the Town Council will receive compensation payment. Thames Water are required to return the grounds to 'as found' good condition once the works are completed. The contractor will also be putting a compound in on site and has been requested to install the cabling for the new floodlights as way of payment. NOTED

Green Flag – Officers are pleased to report that Jocks Lane along with South Hill Park has been awarded the Green Flag.

1091 **Play Areas**

Various play areas have been painted and work is nearing completion at Hedgehog Park, further work on the hill slide will be done later in the year. Work at Anneforde is awaiting confirmation regarding funding as it was been put

**BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

28th July 2015

forward to benefit from SANG monies. The RFM was requested to look into making a willow tunnel at Home Farm an example of the structure can be seen at Dinton Pastures.

1092 **Events**

This year's Summer of Fun activity programme is as follows

29 th July	Braybrooke Including fishing event.	
5 th August	Great Hollands National Play Day	
12 th August	Calfridus Way	
19 th August	Wildridings Playing Fields	
26 th August	SHP North Lake including fishing event.	NOTED

Approval of the following programme was discussed by the Committee and the following was agreed subject to the requests detailed:-

21 st October 2015	Great Hollands Recreation Ground for the Primary Tag Rugby Festival
4 th November 2015	Great Hollands Recreation Ground for infant Tag Rugby Festival
13 th April 2016	Birch Hill Primary Hockey Festival
8 th May 2016	Provisional date for the Bracknell Half Marathon
29 th June 2016	Teddy Bears Picnic
23 rd July 2016	Lions Bracknell Show Provisional Agreement subject to confirmation of times and activities.

A discussion was held regarding the Woodland Day and Committee requested that officers look to move the date to later in the year when the weather is warmer. Officers will investigate combining the event with the Bracknell In Bloom hanging baskets workshop. Noted

A decision on RunFitUK was postponed until more details were available.

1093 **Brooke House**

Work has been completed on the planned improvements for Brooke House, it is hoped to secure a better 'shop front' downstairs and organise improvements to the rear access with some Bracknell regeneration Partnership funding. The Town Clerk is following up the outstanding repairs to the stairs. NOTED

1094 **Scouts - Ringmead**

The Scouts have finally completed their lease and work should have started this week to facilitate their move to Ringmead, however to date only the Heras Fencing has arrived.

Date of next meeting – 20th October 2015 at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated