

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

18th October 2016

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Clive Harrison.
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Sandra Ingham, Roger Meakes, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler,
Jo Woodcock.
Apologies: Diane Finch, Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton.
In Attendance R Reeve TC, Burgess DTC, A Moffat RFM.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.16pm

Declarations of Interest - None

1509 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 26th July 2016 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Meakes and seconded by Cllr Woodcock. These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

1510 Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda – None

1511 Great Hollands Pavilion (GHP)

Councillors noted that initial designs for the pavilion and a building next to the Bowls Club were now being considered by the GHP working group, that a pre-application planning submission was imminent and also that a public exhibition/ consultation was planned to be held during November. **Councillors noted progress being made.**

1512 Great Hollands 50th anniversary

Councillors supported the use of Jurassic Park on June 11 2017 for celebrations to mark the Great Hollands 50th anniversary. Councillors looked forward to the event being held, BTC being involved and also suggested activities that could be organised and groups that could be invited.

1513 ‘In Bloom’ results

Jocks Lane Park and South Hill Park had both won ‘gold’ awards in the Parks and Open Spaces category of the Thames and Chilterns in Bloom campaign, and South Hill Park was also awarded an RHS National Certificate of Distinction. Councillors said that the awarding of gold awards at both Jocks Lane park and South Hill Park was a credit to the Grounds Team. Councillor Pooler also mentioned how she had found one grounds person to be particularly considerate of park users recently - the RFM agreed to pass on the compliment to the team member concerned.

1514 Events/ Summer activity days

After the success of the three events this year, Councillors confirmed support for BTC to continue with plans for organising a similar number of these events in 2017, as they had proved so popular with local residents.

1515 Brooke House

BRP were now expected to refurbish the upstairs office windows, and install new front/ rear doors at Brooke House around December in advance of laying a new surface on the High Street in the New Year,

1516 Bracknell in Bloom (BIB) – future plans

Having had a successful outcome from entering two of our parks in the ‘Parks’ category of the ‘In Bloom’ competition, the BIB team were considering whether to continue with a similar approach of focusing on parks entries next year, possibly including entering others such as the Elms, and to again defer entry of a judged route around the town. On balance, the Committee agreed this seemed to be a sensible approach for next year.

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1517 Crocus planting

10,000 crocuses were being planted that day/ the next day under the Rotary Club “Purple4Polio” Crocus Planting programme, with BIB involvement and with the participation of local schools

1518 Play areas

Councillors were appreciative that equipment installations and refurbishment of surfacing had been achieved at Yardley, Jurassic Park, Jocks Lane, Hedgehog Park, Ludlow, Pollard Row, Stony Road, Free Bourne Way, South Hill Park and Oareborough play areas during this financial year.

1519 Support for childrens’ nurseries

Councillors were advised that plans for siting of a ‘portacabin’ type building at Birch Hill for Birch Hill pre-school nursery had progressed, with a planning application about to be submitted.

1520 Harrison Street name - Councillors agreed to add ‘Harrison’ to Bracknell’s bank of street names.

1521 Bracknell Lions sponsored flower display - Councillors agreed a request from Councillor Isabel Mattick, as Chairman of Bracknell Lions, to assist with the provision of a flower display for 2017, and for this to be sited along the bank on the bus lane side of the Wildridings field.

1522 The BFC operated public toilets at Birch Hill were now proving expensive to operate. Councillors agreed that BTC officers investigate whether it might be better if BTC took over the running, cleaning, maintenance and repair of them, but did not want them to be closed.

1523 Cllr Ingham asked about replacing a damaged bench at Dryden Woods – the RFM was investigating a robust replacement made from plastic, which looked like wood.

Date of next meeting – 24th January at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated