

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

24th January 2017

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

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.15pm

Declarations of Interest - None

1597 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 18th October 2016 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Woodcock. These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

1598 Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda

1523 The bench at Dryden has been replaced – much to the residents delight.

1599 Great Hollands Pavilion (GHP)

Designs for the new pavilion and depot (adjoining the bowls club) have been agreed for submission for BFC Planning approval. A public exhibition/ consultation is being planned for February 16th. Councillors requested that parents of schools in the area are also sent information via the schools emails systems. Councillors Gill Birch, Mary Temperton and Jo Woodcock all volunteered to deliver letters to residents. User groups had already been invited.

1600 Bracknell Show – 2017

Councillors AGREED to allow use of the Wildridings field for the Bracknell Show on Saturday 22nd July, with the event starting at midday and finished by 8pm, and with a ‘picnic and music’ format as at last year’s event, and parking on the field.

1601 Keep Britain Tidy - 2017

This year’s Great British Spring Clean event is scheduled for March. BTC will be liaising with the BFC Cleansing Services team over this year’s activities, with the involvement of volunteers similar to last year. Bracknell Town Council will hold their main event on 4th March. Councillors were asked to agree routes for cleaning and litter pick activity. Officers were requested to make sure photographs and video were taken to record the event for the website.

1602 Events/ Summer activity days – 2017

Councillors agreed a timetable as follows:

2nd April - Spring Event (‘Woodlands Day’) at Jocks Lane

21 June - Teddy Bears Picnic at Jocks Lane

2nd August – Summer Activity Day at Great Hollands or Wildridings

16th August - Summer Activity Day at Braybrooke

30th August - Summer Activity Day at SHP North Lake

30th September – McMillan charity Coffee Mornings at Great Hollands and Jocks Lane

27th October (Friday) – fishing event at Braybrooke.

1603 Bracknell in Bloom (BIB) – 2017

Councillors noted an update on events/ activities since the last meeting of this Committee. The Bracknell In Bloom/ Your Gardens Gala Evening were a success. 10,000 Purple4Polio crocus corms were planted across Bracknell by The Rotary Club of Bracknell and Bracknell in Bloom with help from Bracknell schools and local volunteers. The grounds team were now installing raised beds at the Elms, ready for the 2017 visit, and we are planning a full entry to the Regional In Bloom competition in 2017. Councillors requested photographs be taken as the crocus emerge and these are used in the BIB portfolio as well as being sent to The Rotary Club of Bracknell.

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1604 South Hill Park North Lake

The Thames Water's contractor has completed the works to the bank of the SHP North side lake to try to deal with the problem of bank erosion. There was no cost to the council. BTC have removed a large oak tree from near to the SHP North Lake as it was diseased with 'agrilus biguttatus', which was then burnt on site on the instructions of the Forestry Commission.

1605 Jocks Lane

The tennis facilities are continuing to operate well. The play area has recently been re-surfaced by the BTC grounds team. Fishing in the Cut is due to begin soon, with some Environment Agency support being provided. BTC would also be undertaking further remedial works in the Cut, following the SE water pipeline being laid, to provide further screening cover for houses nearby. The RFM is having discussions with SE water about securing a new supply from the newly laid water main, which would assist with the Splash Pad operation.

1606 Braybrooke Community Nature and Fishing Club

Braybrooke Community Nature and Fishing Club has been selected to receive funding from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme towards community events in 2017, including a 6 week after school club for children with special needs. Voting is taking place from 2nd to 28th January at many of the local stores.

1607 Brooke House

Contractors are now replacing the upstairs/ downstairs office windows, removing the bay window, and installing new doors at Brooke House. Led lighting are soon to be fitted in the reception area and a door provided on the roof to enable the flag pole to be accessed.

1608 Birch Hill

Birch Hill pre-school nursery had been awarded funds for the siting of a 'portacabin' building at Birch Hill recreation ground, and BTC would be liaising with them on getting the site cleared as the planning approval process is completed and to get their lease in place.

The astro pitch surface is being 'revitalised' as part of the BTC on-going maintenance programme - this will help to prolong the life of the carpet. Replacement is anticipated within 3 to 5 years. Work is currently being planned to install individual power showers at Birch Hill.

1609 Braybrooke Pavilion has recently had the internal walls repainted. The RFM is currently planning the toilet refurbishment which is hoped to start in March.

1610 Play area equipment installation and refurbishment of surfacing at a number of other sites is progressing in line with agreed programmes. In conjunction with the Biodiversity Officer some additional trees will be planted at Ringmead.

1611 Officers have not yet progressed with the suggestion made in minute 1524 at the last meeting regarding BTC eventually taking over the operation of the **toilets at Birch Hill**. This will be discussed with BFC towards the end of the financial year if appropriate.

1612 Local Flood Risk

Councillors were requested to submit their response on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017 – 2020 as soon as possible so that BTC's response can be finalised at Strategy and Finance.

Date of next meeting – 28th March at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated