

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
24th May 2016

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Clive Harrison.
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Diane Finch, Sandra Ingham, Roger Meakes, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler,
Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, Jo Woodcock.
Apologies: None
In Attendance R Reeve TC, Burgess OSM, A Moffat RFM.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.10pm

- 1365 **Declarations of Interest**
None
- 1366 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meetings of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 12th April 2016 and 10th May 2016 were proposed by Cllr Roger Meakes and seconded by Cllr Diane Finch as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 1367 **Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda**
1309 – Great Hollands pitches drainage – a meeting was now arranged for 15th June.
1307 – Hedgehog Park – the hedgehog is repaired and the slide re-positioned, and has had much favourable comment.
1309 – matter is now closed
NOTED
- 1368 **Great Hollands Recreation Ground**
Great Hollands Pavilion Rebuild.
Ridge & Co, the appointed design/ construction supervision team (subject to Council ratification) are about to start design work. The application made to Sport England for a grant had been unsuccessful. Two sources for obtaining the £1m loan funding required were being investigated. BTC funding available would be £0.7m to £0.8m., to be confirmed.
- 1369 **Parafit** – ‘Bootcamp’ style fitness sessions were proving popular.
NOTED
- 1370 **South Hill Park**
Queens 90th event on 12th June. BTC had contributed £500 towards cost of music. TC asked to contact SHP to say £11.95 for Cream Tea seemed expensive, since done – price includes wine.
North Lake: Remedial works to the sides of lake/ fishing platforms at SHP North Lake are likely to happen in September, and awaiting final confirmation. Recent instances of fish dying seem to have been not linked to repairs being needed to a nearby sewer, but this had been repaired that day.
Fun Fair: This had run successfully, with minimal ground damage, good attendance and few resident complaints.
NOTED
- 1371 **Summer Activity Days.**
OSM and RFM were organising the Bracknell (probably 3) summer activity events this year. Support was being provided by Berkshire Youth which was welcome, with this to be reflected in publicity produced. Plans for Teddy Bears Picnic were about to be actioned, with initial offers including assistance from Mary (raffle) and Roger (entrance) welcomed. ‘SAG forms’ had also been completed.
NOTED and officers thanked for work to date.
- 1372 **Travellers at Ringmead sports field.**
With Police support, travellers had been moved on within one day of arriving on site.
NOTED
- 1373 **Jocks Lane**
Tennis: The tennis facilities were now running, including with the card entry system, which enables online bookings via the BTC website and on line payments. The new facilities were launched on 24th April. Coaching had also successfully started from that date. 39 had purchased the £50 unlimited play tennis cards to date, which would be boosted by future marketing planned now the systems are running smoothly.
The Activities day on 24th April had been successful
NOTED

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- 1374 **Brooke House**
A BTC licence to allow refurbishment of the upstairs office windows, and new front/ rear doors at Brooke House, together with the design details, were currently being sorted. These works are scheduled for about August. BTC will look at replacing the Brooke House boiler for September.
NOTED
- 1375 **Wildridings**
The Bracknell Show was being organised for July 23rd by the Bracknell Lions. Following experience gained last year, some format changes were planned, including some car parking on the field and some music entertainment. SAG forms had been completed by the organisers and we will be liaising with the Lions on event details for our site.
- 1376 **Braybrooke**
Fishing at Jeans Pond – Fishing Club was going well.
NOTED
- 1377 **Bracknell in Bloom**
Plans for the current year were being put in place. Two parks were now entered into the Parks Competition (Jocks Lane and South Hill Park). The Yours Gardens Competition was expanding, and it was hoped that Wroxham Community Gardens would enter despite vandalism having occurred.
NOTED
- 1378 **Play Areas**
Work was now underway at Yardley. Work for 2016/17 will focus on resurfacing to be under taken.
NOTED
- 1379 **Small Grant Request.**
A grant request had been received from the Uniformed Public Services team at Bracknell and Wokingham college to buy equipment to fit out a vehicle for training use, this was declined at this point, as not an emergency funding need, but with a suggestion to be made to submit a request to the main grant funding round in the Autumn.
- 1380 **Other**
Cllr Jo Woodcock asked that a request be made that the town centre mural be placed at the railway or bus station or on the side of the High Street MSCP.
Councillor Paula-Elizabeth Pooler mentioned her recent attendance at the funeral of Brian Turner, as a Councillor representative.

Date of next meeting – 26th July 2016 at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated