

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Present: Chairman:** Cllr. Clive Harrison.  
Cllrs: Paul Bidwell (Sub), Gill Birch, Diane Finch, Sandra Ingham, Roger Meakes,  
Paula-Elizabeth Pooler, Jo Woodcock.  
Apologies: Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton.  
In Attendance: J Burgess TC, A Moffat RFM.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.40pm

1681 **Declarations of Interest** – Councillor Jo Woodcock - Involve

**1682 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Pooler and seconded by Cllr Woodcock. These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

**1683 Matters Arising not to be considered elsewhere on the Agenda**

**North Lake** – the Travellers have been issued with evictions notice and the bailiffs are on standby  
NOTED

**Birch Hill** – A schools hockey tournament is being held at Birch Hill Recreation Ground on Wednesday and it is estimated that 300 children will attend.

**1604 North Lake / South Lake bank erosion.** The RFM is working with Thames Water and the EA regarding the erosion of the banks. Thames water is responsible for the banks up to the limit of 3 metres from the water. A time scale will hopefully be known after the next meeting with Thames Water. For blockages of the grid the responsibility is Thames Water, Fish stock is the EA in conjunction with Bracknell Herons.

**1684 Great Hollands Pavilion (GHP)**

The public exhibition /consultation went well on 16<sup>th</sup> February with a good turnout. Planning applications have now been submitted for both the extension to the Bowls Club and the new pavilion. NOTED

**1685 Keep Britain Tidy – 2017**

The event was not as well attended as last year but 4 tonne of rubbish was collected with about 100 people helping. This is a good community event and already groups want to sign up for next year. Cllrs noted it was disappointing to see so much rubbish in the Town Centre. Councillors were requested to report any incidents to BRP.

**1686 Spring Event**

The Annual Spring Event at Jocks Lane is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**1687 Bracknell In Bloom**

Plans are underway for the 2017 BIB entry with judging scheduled for July 2017. Three parks have also been entered, Jocks Lane, South Hill Park/North Lake and Mill Park.

**1688 Brooke House**

The installation of the new windows at Brooke House has now been completed, abet with some cosmetic work to be finished. The outside of Brooke House will be completed as part of the refurbishment of this area and a 'Brooke House' sign will be positioned along the front of the buildings. Works have yet to be finished on installing access to the flag poles on the roof and works on the rear of the premises will start later in the year. The Town Clerk will be investigating an LED screen for the foyer area along with some modern furniture. NOTED

**1689 Birch Hill Pre School**

Planning Permission has been granted for the installation of a modular unit at Birch Hill Recreation Ground. The Town Clerk is currently re-negotiating our lease with BFC and drafting a

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sub-lease with the preschool for a term of 25 years. During this process it has come to light that not all of our leases with BFC have been registered with the Land Registry. The Town Clerk is working with the legal team of BFC to address this matter. There will be costs involved. Councillors approved the registering of BTC's leases.

**1690 Braybrooke Pavilion**

Work has now started on refurbishing the toilets at Braybrooke Recreation Ground. An exit ramp has also been installed at the rear fire doors to make access easier for all users. NOTED

**1691 Cycle Ways**

The Committee had no additional requests for cycle ways but requested the following be raised:-

- 1) 'is the fence along Nine Mile Ride from Knightswood to Jameston going to be replaced ?'
- 2) What is the standard width of a cycle path?
- 3) Can the white lines on the cycle path at North Lake be reinstated?

**1692 POSS**

It was agreed that the priority must be work that has a knock on effect to the areas ie road/pathways and drainage. A big concern is the entrance to Mill Park and how congested it gets during the holidays.

**1693 Bracknell Hockey Club Lease**

The Town Clerk was given authority to arrange for the Bracknell Hockey Club lease to be assigned to new trustees on behalf of South Berkshire Hockey Club. There will be no cost to the Council.

**1694 Birch Hill Astro Turf.**

The Town Clerk was given permission to start investigating a replacement surface for the Birch Hill astro turf. Ideas and costs to be brought to a future meeting.

**1695 Small Grant – 1<sup>st</sup> Priestwood Rainbows.**

Following a discussion it was agreed that this was not an exceptional funding need and therefore did not meet the criteria.

**1696 Small Grant – Involve Community Services.**

Following a discussion it was agreed that this was not an exceptional funding need and therefore did not meet the criteria.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May AGM Braybrooke Hall 7.30**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 7.30 Council Chamber Brooke House

Signed .....

Dated .....