

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
19th September 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr: Chris Turrell.
 Cllrs: Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Isabel Mattick, Malcolm Tullett.

Apologies: Cllrs: Marc Brunel-Walker, Iain McCracken, Jennie McCracken, Sanjeev Prasad.

In Attendance: J Burgess (TC), Laura Boorman (FAO).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.52pm

1854 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

1855 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held 20th June were proposed for agreement by Cllr Chris Turrell and seconded by Cllr Gill Birch and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1856 Matters arising out of the minutes not to be discussed elsewhere.

1782 Land Transfer – BFBC have taken on board the previous questions raised and are awaiting a response from the property and legal department in relation to ownership. It was stated if no response or definite answer before the budget cycle begins this will not be included in BTC budget for 2018/19. BFBC were informed of this at the Parish, Parks and Public realm forum. NOTED

1704 Bracknell Gymnastic Club – The public consultation on 22nd August was very positive. Bracknell Gymnastic Club has employed a consultant to carry out the relevant surveys needed and are planning to submit their planning application in October 2017.

1779 Point Royal – It was stated that the Chief Executive from BFH confirmed Point Royal will be fitted with a sprinkler system. NOTED

1857 External Auditor Report

Jackie Burgess (TC) confirmed that Bracknell Town Council has received the completed report from the External Auditors with no qualifications. Jackie Burgess (TC) and Laura Boorman (FAO) will be attending at the BALC meeting on 14th November where the new Auditors (PKF Littlejohn LLP) will be on hand to explain the audit regime for 2017/18. The Committee thanked the officers for their hard work in achieving a clean audit.

1858 Great Hollands Working Group

An update was given from the Great Hollands Working Group. Unfortunately the demolition tender report was incomplete. The Town Clerk has already written to the Company involved expressing the Town Councils dissatisfaction with the report and it is anticipated that they will provide a full report before the next meeting of the Great Hollands Working Group scheduled for 27th September.

The pre-planning application to extend the car park at Great Hollands was proposed by Cllr Chris Turrell and seconded by Cllr Gill Birch. AGREED

1859 2017 Polling District and Polling Places review

BFC is carrying out a review of the polling districts and polling places in the Borough. Documentation was provided to be reviewed and any issues regarding access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities. If Councillors have any comments including any proposals for alternative polling station locations please let the Town Clerk have the information so that a response can be sent if needed to BFC by 13th November 2017. NOTED

1860 Park Run

Permission was requested to allow a Junior Park Run on Sunday mornings at Great Hollands

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Recreation Ground. The Organisers have secured funding and are anticipating around 100 children to participate initially, with the numbers rising once Bracknell Juniors Park Run is established. The Committee AGREED to a junior parkrun on a Sunday morning.

1861 Health and Safety Policy

The Health and Safety policy was reviewed and the policy was agreed. It was further agreed that there needed to be more clarification on:-

- The type of chemicals and substances used by BTC and which employees are trained in their use
- The different types of machinery and high risk equipment owned by BTC
- A section on training and which piece of equipment each employee can operate. NOTED

1862 Health and Safety

The Town Clerk updated the Committee. NOTED

1863 Budget Monitoring Group Report

Report from the Budget Monitoring Group held on 12th September 2017 provided. NOTED

Officers Report

1864 Land at Bucklebury

BTC has been approached by a local resident regarding a piece of land adjacent to their property. BTC believed this land to belong to BFH but on investigation it has emerged that the land is part of the Dryden Wood lease. The resident wishes to purchase this area of land but Committee felt this could change the open aspect of the area and recommended refusal. This recommendation is to be taken to Full Council.

1865 Bracknell Public Services Show 4th October 2018

BTC has been asked to consider allowing the use of North Lake to host the Bracknell Public Services show for schools and colleges to attend to promote Public Services Careers. It was raised that residents surrounding North Lake should be informed prior to this event and precautions taken in relation to parking. Details of the event can be found at <https://www.bracknell.ac.uk/courses/school-leavers/courses/uniformed-public-services/public-services-show> Committee AGREED in principle to the use of North Lake subject to a satisfactory response to the above.

1866 South Berkshire Hockey Club

The South Berkshire Hockey Club has asked if BTC would consider the installation of a second synthetic pitch at Birch Hill if South Berkshire Hockey Club raised funds for the project. Bracknell Town Council support the South Berkshire Hockey Club aspirations but there would need to be a full consultation of the adjacent residents before BTC could consider along with a business maintenance plan from the Hockey Club. AGREED

1867 Great Hollands Bowls Club

The lease for the Great Hollands Bowls Club is due for renewal on 31st March 2019. Cllr Isabel Mattick and Jackie Burgess (TC) to attend a meeting with the Great Hollands Bowls Club interim Committee to discuss the Bowls Club plans.

1868 Brooke House Foyer

Various options were presented and discussed for the new design of the foyer area at Brooke House including discussing with South Hill Park the idea of a window display. Further details including more detailed costings will be brought to the next relevant meeting AGREED

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Confidential Business –

1869 The Committee was asked to consider whether it wishes to exercise its powers under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 to approve Councillor Mrs D Finch continued absence from meetings.

Councillor Turrell gave the meeting a brief history of the situation. A decision to grant a further leave of absence of six months was APPROVED

Next Meeting – 21st November 2017 at 7.30pm Council Chamber Brooke House

SignedDated