

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Present: Chairman:** Cllr: Clive Harrison.  
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler, Mary Temperton and Jo Woodcock.  
Apologies: Cllr: Sandra Ingham Roger Meakes, Michael Skinner.  
No Contact: Cllr: Mike Gibson  
In Attendance: J Burgess TC, A Moffat RFM.

**The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.50pm**

**2232 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2233 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Jo Woodcock and seconded by Cllr Paula-Elizabeth Pooler. These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

**2234 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**2235 Mill Park**

The Committee discussed the request from Scottish and Southern Electricity to put in a power supply to McDonalds across land that is leased by BTC. Committee requested that the following information be obtained to allow them to discuss the matter fully at the next meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. Why is a new power supply required and is it linked to the two pending planning applications?

The RFM was informed that there have been reports of drug dealing in the McDonalds Car park at Mill Park. The RFM will liaise with the local PCSO's and also instructed the Environment Wardens to monitor the BTC car park. NOTED

BTC has received a couple of complaints regarding a smell of sewage at Mill Park, Thames Water have been contacted and are investigating.

**2236 Ringmead Playing Fields and Allotment Site**

Committee thanked the RFM for the improvements to the access to the rear of the changing rooms. The change to the layout makes the area much more secure. Committee requested that the Town Clerk approach BFC regarding expanding the car park. This would involve land that BFC own. The Town Clerk to also investigate the possibility of S106 monies or CIL

**2237 Wildridings Playing Fields.**

The Town Council has been approached by the Shop owners of Wildridings Shopping Centre requesting permission to put a new sign up on the Wildridings Playing Fields directing people to the Wildridings Shopping Centre. The Committee reviewed the proposed signage and agreed that the sign was too large and could possibly obstruct the sight line. The proposed signage would look out of keeping with the surrounding area. The Committee suggested that a sign on the circle where the buses turn around would be much more beneficial.

**2238 Carbon Footprint Working Group.**

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 where Tesla will be giving a talk.

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Officers Report

2239 **Larges Lane Cemetery**

The Committee NOTED that the planning application for Ranelagh Fields is still under consideration. The RFM reported that a Post Graduate from Reading University is currently carrying out a survey on flying insects at Larges Lane. The RFM was requested to approach the University about a biodiversity Audit. Concerns were raised as to whether the flooding had caused any issues with the wild orchids that grow in the Cemetery. This will be monitored. The RFM reported that the height of the grass is being managed so as not to overshadow the smaller plants.

2240 **North Lake**

The Committee NOTED that the fun fair will be arriving on site on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The recent Food Festival at South Hill Park had caused residents parking issues as signs were ignored and the local roads were congested.

A professional drone photographer has requested permission to take photographs of South Hill Park Mansion next Wednesday between 7am and 8am. South Hill Park (K Moss) have given permission but permission is also sought from the Town Council as the drone will fly over North Lake to get the pictures. The drone will always be 30 metres away from any pedestrian and the RFM will be on site. Committee AGREED to the flying of the drone as specified.

2241 **Spring Event**

The committee were delighted with the recent Spring Event at Jocks Lane. They felt this was the right time of year to hold this event which was enjoyed by many. Opening the field up to allow parking worked but next year cones need to be placed down Jocks Lane to stop cars being parked in the lane making passing difficult, also more overflow parking signs need to be in place. The new fishing platforms are a good addition to the site and the Committee looked forward to seeing them used when the fishing season reopens. The overflow parking on the field will be utilised during the summer when required. NOTED

2242 **Birch Hill Recreation Ground**

The RFM is currently compiling quotes to replace the Astro carpet at Birch Hill Recreation Ground. The work will be scheduled for the quieter summer months.

The Town Council has been approached by Bracknell Town Football Club to discuss the possibility of them investing in the site and broadening the Sports that are on offer. The Environmental Services Committee suggested that Bracknell Town Football Club be invited to attend the Full Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Defibrillator – A request has been from users of the Birch Hill Astro turf for a defibrillator to be installed. Costs to install an automatic external defibrillator would be around £2,000 as a specialist cabinet is required. The Committee were in favour and requested the Town Clerk investigate funding from current users of the site and to contact the Bracknell First Responders for advice.

2243 **BARDO**

Committee considered the information received from the Environment Wardens regarding control of dogs on Bracknell Town Council land. Committee APPROVED the use of the 'PAWS' system and this will be implemented first at North Lake and then carried out across all BTC sites. The Town Clerk was requested to investigate further designated powers from The Secretary of State.

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The next set of dates for BARDO on the road are:-

12<sup>th</sup> June – SHP 6pm to 7:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> June – Threshfield 5pm to 6:30pm

28<sup>th</sup> June – Yardley 5pm to 6pm (small site)

5<sup>th</sup> July – Great Hollands 5pm to 6:30pm

12<sup>th</sup> July – Dryden Woods 5pm to 6pm

26<sup>th</sup> July – BH Hockey 5pm to 6:30pm

**2244 BTC Works Completed**

The RFM updated the committee on recent works completed by the Town Council staff. Works completed included; All football goal posts taken down and pitches renovated, Completion of accessible ramp at Jock Lane, Grass cutting and strimming / cutting and removing of daffodil leaves, New Bridge at Mill Park installed by Thames water, Started work on Arial run way at South Hill Park and refurbishing play equipment, All building have had the 5 year fixed wire inspections and electrical equipment PAT Tested, Moved furniture from Easthampstead house to Council Chambers and storing of desks and filling cabinets for the Great Hollands office, Changed access point at Ringmead pavilion to prevent unauthorised encampments on site, Resurfaced and marked out the car park at Wildridings, made new access gate to Jocks Lane Field, Planted bedding plants at Jocks lane.

Work will begin tomorrow on installing bunds at Nuthurst to stop any further unauthorised encampments. The RFM was requested to look at the Crazy Golf at Jocks Lane as Committee felt it was looking a little bit tired, it was also felt that some of the obstacles were too hard for young children. The RFM was also requested to look at planting some shrubs within the area. Councillor Paula-Elizabeth Pooler also reported that a gentleman had slipped over at Mill Park as the wood was slippery along the edge of the path. The RFM will look into both of these items.

**2245 Land Transfer**

BFBC are continuing to work on the proposal and further information is expected in June 2018

**Date of next meeting** – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, 7.30pm at Council Chamber Brooke House

Signed .....

Dated .....