

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
22nd January 2019

Present: Chairman: Cllr: Clive Harrison
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Sandra Ingham, Mike Gibson, Roger Meakes,
Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton and Jo Woodcock.
Co-opted: Cllrs: Chris Turrell
Apologies: Cllrs: Paula-Elizabeth Pooler
In Attendance: J Burgess TC, A Moffat RFM, R Gordge CA.

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.50pm

The fire procedure was clarified before the meeting commenced.

2485 Co-opted Members

Cllr Chris Turrell was co-opted to the meeting to discuss agenda point 14 Street Names.

2486 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2487 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 16th October 2018 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Clive Harrison and seconded by Cllr Roger Meakes.
AGREED

2488 Matters Arising

2242: Birch Hill Recreation Ground. Work is now completed on the new Astro carpet and the site is fully open. Officers are investigating the installation of a defibrillator for the site.

2314: LTA registration. Posters are now in situ at Jocks Lane signposting how to report any safeguarding issues.

2317: Drainage. The new drainage installed to the front of the new pavilion by the BTC team is working well. There is no update to date on Sport England Grant.

2489 Bracknell Rugby Club

Following an approach from Bracknell Rugby Club regarding additional rugby pitches in the Bracknell Area the Town Clerk and RFM have reviewed the current use of the grass pitches and propose that the two pitches on Calfridus Way be turned into two rugby pitches. Committee agreed in principle but requested that the agreement between BTC and the Rugby Club covers parking, noise, light and litter and is approved by Strategy & Finance.

2490 Carbon Footprint Working Group

- To note the minutes from the Carbon Footprint Working Group dated 8th January 2019
NOTED
- A demonstration of electric vehicle's is scheduled for 10.30 to 2pm on 31st January 2019 at Jocks Lane. All councillors are welcome to attend
NOTED

2491 The Elms

- Part of the Swing, Skate and Star statue in The Elms Park has been stolen. The Town Clerk updated the committee. A bollard has already been placed to stop any further vehicles getting onto the grounds. Quotes for a replacement are being sourced.
NOTED

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- Following on from the planting of the WW1 bed at The Elms the WW1 bench will be installed behind the bed and adjacent to the new path.
NOTED

2492 Bracknell in Bloom

The Chairman of Bracknell in Bloom gave an update.

- The cost of the crocuses was prohibitive
- Bracknell in Bloom is teaming up with the Bracknell Show this year
- Bracknell in Bloom Quiz Night is being held on 8th Feb at 7.30pm at Jocks Lane. The event will be advertised on social media.
- This year the team will be concentrating on Your Neighbourhood and the front garden competition.
NOTED

2493 Events

The following events are due to be held in 2019:

- Spring Event 7th April Jocks Lane 11-3pm (please note the change of date) NOTED
- Summer of Fun 31st July Great Hollands
- Summer of Fun 15th August Braybrooke
- Summer of Fun 28th August Northlake
- Paws in the park 17th August at North Lake
NOTED

2494 Environment Wardens

The Environment Wardens have been working on a joint project with the Environment Agency, Garth Hill College, The Rise at Garth and the Braybrooke Nature and Fishing Club. The project ran for 6 weeks from September 2018. The joint project is again being worked on for 2019 with Garth Hill College, The Rise at Garth, Kennel Lane and the Braybrooke Community Nature and Fishing Club with the following:-

- Work experience 6th February to 20th March 2019
- Angling Course 24th April to 29th May
- Continuation Activities 17th June to 6th July

All parts of the project that take place on Bracknell Town Council land will be led by the Environment Wardens and will be covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance, the parts of the project not on BTC land will be lead by the respective agency and insurance arrangements put in place.

Work experience planned to date:

- Construction of a nature trail at Braybrooke (BTC lead) in the woodlands;
- Yellow Fish Project (Environment Agency lead);
- Habitat improvement at the River Cut, Jocks Lane (BTC lead) making the water flow more efficiently;
- Bracknell Forest Ranger activities (BFC lead).

NOTED

2495 Braybrooke Recreation Ground

RFM gave an update regarding an approach from Exclusively Dogs. The company would like to erect a classroom size 'shed' in the woodland at Braybrooke to hold dog training classes inside. Councillors would like more information on this at the next meeting regarding utilities, and toilets along with a map of the area showing the placement of the classroom. The RFM was tasked with bringing a full report to the next meeting.

2496 Open Air Cinema

BTC have received a request to hire the Braybrooke Recreation Ground for one or two events in the summer of 2019 hosting an open air cinema. Committee agreed to take this forward in principal for more information to be brought to the next meeting.

AGREED

2497 Wildridings

To consider a request to install a footpath along the verge of Wildridings Field. A new footpath would make walking along there much better and it would stop the cars parking up on the grass verge. RFM advised the Committee that the cost would be around £25,000. More information is requested to find out how many people would use the path. This is to be taken forward to Strategy and Finance for discussion.

2498 Street Naming

A list of proposed names was put forward to include scientists and engineers relevant to Bracknell. Committee requested that some female names be put forward for the bank of street names, Cllr Gibson will send names to the Town Clerk. Committee also requested that we discuss with BFC encouraging developers to put an app on the street sign showing where the name came from.

NOTED

2499 Work started/completed since October 2018

Grass cutting areas

Leaf collection

Bowling green aeration and winter maintenance

Deep aeration of all grass sites

Re-seeding and repairs at South Hill Park after 2018 events

Woodland management At

South Hill

Braybrooke

Great Holland's

Ullswater

Dryden Woods

Stoney road

Jocks lane

Make new path at Braybrooke woods

Redress path at The Elms

Planted 2000 daffodils in bunds

Install new five aside goals at Birch Hill pitch

Build wash down area at Great Hollands Depot

Washing ball/tennis courts at Great Hollands

Start work on new fence around ball/tennis courts at Great Holland's

Clean Ditches at Anneforde Place, The Elms, Jocks lane

Started winter servicing on the machines

Painted Jocks Lane pavilion and polished floors

Painted Braybrooke pavilion and polished floors

Installed new infant swing seat at Jocks lane, feedback from the users has been positive so far

The environment wardens are continuing with the BARDO work around the parks and arranging some youth involvement work at Jocks Lane and Braybrooke they have also been working on ways to stop unauthorised parking at The Elms Car Park

Committee discussed using trees with 'sticky leaves' as anti-pollution devices in our parks. RFM

is to look into these trees.

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NOTED

Date of next meeting – 9th April 2019, 7.30pm at Council Chamber Brooke House

Signed Dated