

**Bracknell Town Council**  
**Environmental Services Committee**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs: Jennie Green, Anna Kempster, Sanjeev Prasad, Mary Temperton, Michael Titheridge and **Malcolm Tullett**

**Subs:** Cllrs Paul Byron

**Apologies:** Cllrs Stuart Foston

**In Attendance:** Jackie Burgess – Town Clerk, Allan Moffatt – RFM, Rachel Gordge – CA, Cllr Michael Gbadebo, Cllr Roger Meakes, Matthew Stanton – BBOWT, Colin Bunting – BBOWT and 2 members of the public

**The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 10.13pm**

Colin Bunting and Matthew Stanton from BBOWT gave a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The guests explained what it is that the Trust does to identify, protect and then enhance wildlife habitats and natural areas across the counties. They spoke about how they work alongside local authorities to improve the recreational areas that are already in place and how BTC can make small changes that will improve the biodiversity and educate the staff and residents to the work that could be done to encourage wildlife to flourish in the area.

**Action Plan:**

- **BTC to provide Matthew with a deadline for producing leaflets for Allotment holders**
- **Town Clerk to send a map of all BTC areas to Matthew to see where we can make improvements on our existing habitats.**
- **Matthew will speak to TVERC and then report back to officers regarding the help they can offer BTC.**
- **Follow up communication will be via phone calls and emails to progress plans.**

**1194 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1195 Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 were approved. AGREED

**1196 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1111 – Protection of Wildlife – The cameras and signage were installed at North Lake shortly after the last meeting however they were not as successful as first thought. The cameras are motion activated and due to the amount of wildlife in the area the batteries ran out without capturing any useful data.

1172 – Exclusively Dogs – Exclusively Dogs are waiting for their planning application to be assessed.

1114 – Nuthurst Play Park – Mud Mounds will be done over the winter months.

1115 – Jealotts Hill Community Land Share – BTC will continue funding for 2020/21. The identity of the land share is being developed in order for the project to become an entity in its own right.

1103 – Swing Skate and Star: The replacement statue has been installed and an additional gate has been added to the entrance of The Elms to prevent any unwanted vehicle access. A crack on

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the back of the swinging girls skirt will be investigated. The Town Clerk will investigate this and then report back to the foundry if repairs are required.

1104 – Clerks Report – ii. Mill Pond Access Road – A meeting has been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. An update will be brought to Committee following the meeting.

**1197 CIL Requests**

- Priestwood Community Centre - Councillors discussed the application for a new oven. It was decided that this does not meet the relevant criteria. It was proposed by Cllr Tullett that no CIL money shall be awarded for appliances. This was seconded by Cllr Prasad. AGREED
- Water Fountains – Committee discussed the request for water fountains from the RFM which would be installed at Jocks Lane, Great Hollands and Birch Hill Recreation Grounds. The implications of the water fountains were discussed. The RFM will bring more information to the next Environmental Services meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- The Town Clerk will be bringing a CIL request regarding recycling to the committee on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**1198 Budget**

The recreational charges for 2020/21 were reviewed. The figures shown are exact but will be increased by 5% and rounded up or down to the nearest 50p or £1 when released to the public. This was proposed by Cllr Tullett and seconded by Cllr Kempster. AGREED

Ideas for inclusion in the 2020/21 were suggested as below:

- Basketball Court at Great Hollands – could it be levelled out? This was discussed and is too costly. The hoop at Home Farm may be converted into a full court, the RFM will investigate the cost.
- Cricket Net – A cricket net could be added to GH for smaller groups to use. This will be researched by the RFM.
- Environmental Improvement Budget – To create a section in the budget specifically for environmental issues.

**1199 Speed Watch**

The Speed Watch policy was reviewed and some changes were suggested. The Town Clerk will amend the policy and send it out to the Committee for approval. The SID will be charged by officers at the depot overnight before a booking. It was clarified that only trained Cllrs and volunteers may be present at any speed watch session.

**1200 Carbon Footprint Working Group**

Cllr Gbadebo presented the notes from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and they were discussed. The Carbon Footprint Working Group is requesting the Committee to recommend the Policy document to Strategy and Finance and then Full Council if approved. The goal of a 2.5% reduction in BTC Carbon Footprint each year is aspirational, however if it is not achieved then the gaps can be recorded and assessed. The Committee was tasked with researching some ideas for reducing the costs or carbon footprint of BTC and to bring these ideas back to Committee. An

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idea discussed included solar panels for the pavilions. It was proposed by Cllr Temperton to recommend the policy to S&F and seconded by Cllr Prasad. AGREED

**1201 Community Events Working Group**

An update on the Community Events Working Group was given. Cllr Temperton offered to decorate stones and make flowers with residents on VJ Day. NOTED

**1202 Bracknell in Bloom**

The chairman of Bracknell in Bloom gave an update. BiB will be involved in the Year of the Garden in 2020. New members have joined the Committee and work is progressing forward.

**1203 Fun Fairs**

Following a request from the Fun Fair to change the dates the following points were discussed:

- Moving the dates to May and July
- Moving venue for one fair per year
- Going to consultation
- RFM to discuss with the Fun Fair

It was proposed by Cllr Tullett to recommend a consultation regarding the Fun Fair to Full Council. This was seconded by Cllr Kempster. AGREED

**1204 Work Started/Completed**

The following work was NOTED:

- Completed Braybrooke play area
- Cleared woodland area in Birch Hill
- Erected football posts
- Splash pads are being decommissioned
- Treated the football pitch with fertiliser and soil treatment
- Installed a gate at The Elms
- Continued grass cutting and strimming
- Washed the bus shelters and our road signs
- Started the bowling green autumn and winter program
- Carried out autumn work on the cricket square
- Ongoing maintenance work on the play areas
- Started work on Ullswater play area
- Ongoing machinery maintenance
- Strimmed and raked the grass at the cemetery
- Tree work at Great Hollands
- MacMillan Coffee Morning at Jocks Lane and Great Hollands Pavilion

**The RFM thanked Cllr Green for her help with the Braybrooke Park renovation.**

**Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at Brooke House**

Signed..... Date.....