



Bracknell Town Council

Full Council Meeting 28th September 2021

Attendance

Councillors Present	James Alexander, Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Alvin Finch, Stuart Foston, Michael Gbadebo, Lizzy Gibson, Mike Gibson, Jennie Green, Diana Henfrey, Peter Heydon, Anna Kempster, Ian Kirke, Isabel Mattick, Ash Merry, Kathryn Neil, Thomas Parker, Sanjeev Prasad , Dai Roberts, Michael Skinner, Malcolm Tullett, Chris Turrell, Danielle Turner
Councillors Apologies	Mary Temperton, Michael Titheridge
Councillors Absent	Marc Brunel-Walker, Paul Byron
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Rachel Gordge (OM), Marlies Boydell, members of the public

The meeting opened on Zoom at 7.31pm and closed at 8.47pm

Marlies Boydell, the Biodiversity Officer at BFC gave a presentation about the biodiversity project at The Elms funded by S106 money. Plans of the project were shown and the stages of the wildflower section were explained so that Councillors know what to tell residents with questions about the works. This is a 2-3 year phased work schedule. The presentation was followed by a Q and A session.

FC1176	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest
FC1177	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting on 29 th June (extra meeting), 29 th June and 20 th July 2021 were proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell and seconded by Councillor Ian Kirke. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted as a correct record and signed by the Mayor
FC1178	To Consider any Business Arising out of the Minutes
	FC1112 Birch Hill Toilets – The Changing Places application has been submitted and a response is awaited. The lease will not change hands during this process.
FC1179	Mayor's Announcements
	The Town Mayor Councillor Sanjeev Prasad gave an update on his Mayoral activities since the last meeting including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easthampstead Baptist Church• Charity walk for Home- Start Bracknell Forest• Father Guy's last service• Inspiring Engineers project is planned for 26th November



	Committee Reports
FC1180	Planning Committee
	Councillor Alvin Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 13 th July, 3 rd August, 24 th August and 14 th September 2021. This was seconded by Councillor Mike Gibson. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted. It was clarified that the BTNP policies will be applied to planning applications and training will be provided for the Committee
FC1181	Environmental Services Committee
	Councillor Malcolm Tullett introduced the reports of the meeting held on 27 th July 2021. This was seconded by Councillor Anna Kempster. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted
FC1182	Strategy and Finance Committee
	Councillor Chris Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 21 st September 2021. This was seconded by Councillor Jennie Green. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request for funds for Community Events were proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell and seconded by Councillor Gill Birch and APPROVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bugler £200 • Videographer £400 • PA System hire • Beacon £490 +VAT • Grant Funding £1000 • Walkie Talkies for events <p>It was also confirmed that BTC have received a clean audit for the 5th year in a row. The Town Clerk was congratulated on her hard work to achieve this.</p>
FC1183	Temporary Scheme of Delegation
	The Temporary Scheme of Delegation was discussed and it was proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell that it is left in place until the December meeting of the Full Council where it will be reviewed again. This was seconded by Councillor Michael Gbadebo APPROVED
FC1184	Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan
	The chair of the steering group gave an update. The plan passed at the referendum and is with BFC to be finalised on 19 th October 2021. The plan will increase CIL intake from 15% to 25% for local improvements. Well done to everyone who contributed to the plan.
FC1185	IT Upgrade
	The IT upgrade at Brooke House has been progressing. It has taken longer than originally planned due to the installation of the Fibre Broadband. Full training will be given and once all systems are live, communication from Officers will be via BTC email addresses only.
FC1186	Outside Bodies Update
	Councillor Kempster's report was NOTED . Council heard updates from the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanworth Community Associations • Citizens Advice Bureau • Jealotts Hill Landshare



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Concern • Federations of Burial and Cremation Authorities • South Hill Park Trust
FC1187	Risk Register
	The Risk Register was NOTED and Councillors were reminded to send any issues to add to the register to the Town Clerk
FC1188	Open Spaces Lease
	The three leases for Beedon Drive, Barry Square and Deepfield are being finalised by the BTC solicitor. It was proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell to give permission for the Mayor to sign these leases when finalised. This was seconded by Councillor Lizzy Gibson. Thanks were extended to all grounds staff and the RFM for looking after the parks that we currently have to such a high standard
FC1189	North Lake Island Expansion
	It was NOTED that the North Lake island expansion was completed and was a success. The island will be planted up and a fence has been added to stop people jumping onto it in the meantime
FC1190	Green Champion
	The Green Champion gave an update on her recent work. Two cherry trees will be planted in Priestwood as the prize for Councillor Titheridge for winning the Councillors' competition. It was agreed that a grant for recycling incentives is to be applied for to fund the seeds for schools idea
FC1191	Received Income Transactions
	The received income transactions for the period 1 st May to 31 st July 2021 inclusive were NOTED
FC1192	Paid Expenditure Transactions
	It was proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell that the Mayor be authorised to sign the paid expenditure transactions for the period 1 st May to 31 st July 2021 inclusive. This was seconded by Councillor Ian Kirke APPROVED

The next meeting is 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm

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Date:	