



Bracknell Town Council

Strategy and Finance Committee Minutes 21st September 2021

Attendance

Councillors Present	Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Jennie Green, Diana Henfrey, Chris Turrell
Councillors Apologies	James Alexander, Isabel Mattick, Sanjeev Prasad, Malcolm Tullett
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Rachel Gordge (OM)

The meeting opened via Zoom at 7.31pm and closed at 8.35pm

SF1162	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest
SF1163	Minutes
	The minutes of the Strategy and Finance Committee held on 15 th June 2021 were approved. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted as a correct record and signed by the Chair
SF1164	Matters Arising from the Minutes
	SF1076 Birch Hill Toilets – The grant application process for the Changing Places Grant is now open and is being submitted. Whilst this process is ongoing the lease is staying with BFC SF1070 Annual CIL Report – The quotes for the shades to cover parts of the splash pads and play areas are being taken to the next Environmental Services meeting
SF1165	Budget Requests
	Councillors were reminded to send budget requests to the Town Clerk by the next meeting of the Strategy and Finance Committee on 30 th November for consideration
SF1166	The Elms Car Park
	The Avis are looking to be back in their offices full time by January 2022 and are keen to discuss taking over the additional car parking spaces next to The Elms. The Town Clerk will bring updates as these discussions progress
SF1167	Budget Monitoring Working Group
	The Budget Monitoring Working Group thanked the Town Clerk for her reports and also thanked Serina for her useful input at the meetings and her valuable knowledge of the BTC accounts
SF1168	BTNP Steering Group
	The BTNP has been to referendum and was met with a resounding ‘Yes’ vote. The plan contains several useful policies and will also bring more CIL funding to BTC to allow more improvements to be made within the BTC Wards. Special thanks to Councillor Henfrey and the BTNP steering group on their years of work on this plan. Leaflets were sent out but some houses were missed due to some issues with the courier and very tight timescales. BFC are now preparing the decision statement and a final copy of the plan to be presented to the BFC Executive on 19 th October 2021



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SF1169	Risk Register
	<p>The Risk Register has been updated to include the coffee shops and sports pitches being fully open. The changes to the report were NOTED</p> <p>Other items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3 – The building work at The Deck in the Town Centre is not impacting office staff too much • 3.1 – add a reference to the CAB book under the mitigation section • 3.1 – Look into the wording to differentiate between the Council as a whole and Councillor’s decisions
SF1170	Community Events Working Group
	<p>The chair of the working group gave an update from the previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding requests for the Remembrance event are to be recommended to Full Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £200 bugler ○ £400 videographer ○ TBC PA System • Funding requests for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee are to be recommended to Full Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £490 +VAT beacon ○ £1000 grant funding to allow for charity groups to apply for £100 towards holding an event – it is recommended that this comes from the 2021/22 budget for Summer of Fun as the event did not go ahead • Diwali: There will be a craft event at Great Hollands on the 4th November between 3-5pm • MacMillan Coffee Morning: There is a photo call for Councillors at Great Hollands pavilion on 22nd September to support MacMillan and the pavilion staff who have organised a coffee event
SF1171	Jealotts Hill Landshare
	<p>The Annual Report of the Jealotts Hill Landshare was NOTED</p> <p>The Committee was pleased to see the Annual report from JHCL. Councillors asked about upcoming events and requirements for Volunteers.</p> <p><i>After meeting note: - Due to a Winter Moth Caterpillar invasion there will not be an apple harvest this year, but staff were glad to report that the trees are recovering well and a good crop is expect for next year.</i></p> <p><i>Events: 30th October will be a Halloween themed public event supported by the Friends of JHCL, it will feature JHCL pumpkins, a dress up competition and other games as well as usual refreshments and plant sales (all pending being covid safe) more details will follow.</i></p> <p><i>JHCL would like to extend an invitation to arrange a morning or afternoon visit for Councillors where they will be given a tour and updates on where JHCL is now and flag support as much as awareness of volunteering opportunities and funding etc.</i></p> <p>The Town Clerk asks if Council would like this to be arranged?</p>



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SF1172	Open Spaces Lease
	The Open Spaces leases for Beedon Drive, Barry Square and Deepfield play areas are due to be ready by the Full Council meeting on 28 th September 2021. It is recommended that Full Council approve these leases for signing by the Town Mayor once the final details have been checked by the BTC Solicitors
	<i>Confidential Business</i>
SF1173	South Hill Park Trust
	Due to personal reasons the meeting of the South Hill Park Trust was postponed. It is being rearranged for October and a report will be brought to the next Strategy and Finance Committee meeting on 30 th November. Up to date accounts will be requested
SF1174	Information Items
	The Town Clerk gave information only updates to the Councillors including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The large tree trunks outside of Great Hollands Recreation Ground are being removed and wild flowers and trees are being planted along with bunds being added to stop vehicle access onto the land• The External Auditors response is due 30th September 2021

The date of the next meeting is 30th November 2021

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Date:	