



Bracknell Town Council

Environmental Services Committee Minutes 19th January 2021

Held via Zoom

Attendance

Councillors Present	Stuart Foston, Jennie Green, Anna Kempster, Sanjeev Prasad, Mary Temperton, Michael Titheridge, Malcolm Tullett
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Allan Moffat (RFM), Danny Williams (EW)
Co-opted Councillors	Michael Gbadebo (til 8.40), Lizzy Gibson, Isabel Mattick, Chris Turrell

The meeting opened via Zoom at 7.30pm and closed at 9.25 pm

ES1273	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest.
ES1274	Minutes
	The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee held on 27 th October 2020 were proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton and seconded by Councillor Anna Kempster. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted as a correct record and signed by the Chair
ES1275	Matters Arising from the Minutes
	<p>ES1031 Lake Dredging – The island expansion is due to start at the end of January 2021 and is due to be completed in roughly one week. The base will use the recycled wood from Mill Park. The aim is to have the island complete before nesting season.</p> <p>ES1114 Bracknell in Bloom – Bracknell in Bloom committee has not been able to meet or complete the sunflower competition. Meetings and work will continue once there is more flexibility due to the pandemic.</p> <p>ES1186 Cricket at GH for 2021 – Discussions are on hold at the moment, but it was agreed that this is a decision to sit with the Town Clerk</p> <p>ES1191 Birch Hill Toilets – The solicitors have checked the lease for the toilets and this is to be taken to Strategy and Finance and then Full Council. It is anticipated that BTC will take over on 1st April 2021 and there is the potential for a Working Group to be set up to discuss the renovations of the toilets</p> <p>ES1193 LTA Tennis Grants – It was NOTED that no further work on the grants has been completed due to the lockdown</p> <p>ES1187 Cygnets – The autopsy from the Mill Pond cygnet deaths has still not been received despite being chased. This will be chased again. The Committee asked for information regarding feeding of the birds to be put on both notice boards, the RFM will check the boards. <i>After meeting note: Swan Support have confirmed there was no evidence of poisoning and reported that less than 25% of baby birds make it past 6 months old.</i></p> <p>ES1192 Ongoing Projects – Silva Homes left the depot in early December. The partnership was very successful and has created a good working relationship between Silva Homes and BTC</p>



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ES1276	Mill Park Improvements Working Group
	The chair of the Working Group gave an update on the recent meetings. Work on the boardwalk at Mill Pond has begun and a selection of surveys were created (Thank you to Rachel for her work on this) which will allow the Working Group to have an informed focus for discussions. It was proposed by Councillor Tullett that seven of the interested residents be invited to the next Working Group meeting to give input on the six discussion topics identified in the surveys. Relevant groups will also be invited to send a representative. This was seconded by Councillor Temperton. APPROVED It was agreed not to live stream the first public meeting to allow for research into this to be completed. Next meeting of the working group scheduled for 16 th March at 7.30
ES1277	Night Fishing
	The Bracknell Herons have requested to allowed limited night fishing at Mill Pond. The Environment Warden provided a report which supported the request as it could also act as a deterrent for antisocial behaviour. It was agreed to allow night fishing at Mill Pond as a pilot, allowing only authorised bailiffs to fish with a minimum of two people present and a maximum of four. No family members are allowed, insurance would be required and public liability, and a site-specific set of guidance would need to be created. APPROVED
ES1278	BTC Facilities
	A report regarding BTC facilities due to the most recent lockdown was NOTED , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-schools are still open, but halls are closed to other users • Play areas remain open but gym equipment is taped off • Fishing can re-open if individual or in a household bubble • All pitches are closed apart from the AstroTurf which is being used by a specialist school • Brooke House is closed to the public but visited by staff on a rota basis
ES1279	Carbon Reduction Working Group
	The chair of the Working Group, Councillor Gbadebo, proposed the 16 point action plan to the committee. The 16 points are all achievable and measurable. This was seconded by Councillor Titheridge APPROVED The car charging ports were discussed, and it was advised that legal information is being scrutinised
ES1280	Ongoing Projects
	Bins at Mill Park – New bins have been trialled at Mill Park Mill Park Board Walk – Work on the board walk has begun and will be finished in a few weeks depending on the weather. The structure looks strong NOTED Recycling Bins at Birch Hill – these are working well.
ES1281	CIL
	The CIL Report was NOTED



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	<p>It was proposed by Councillor Temperton that the following CIL requests be taken forward to Strategy and Finance for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boardwalk handrails £12,500• Information boards for the boardwalk £1800• Pathway around the pond to improve accessibility, an additional £10,470 (£10,000 already agreed previously)• 15 new bins for North Lake £10,000• £900 for interpretation board at North Lake <p>This was seconded by Councillor Titheridge APPROVED</p> <p>The RFM will speak to Thames Water regarding the steps at Mill Pond to see if they can be made safer – the weir predates the accessibility act. Putting up a sign advising of Route – RFM to look at signs with Cllr L Gibson and Cllr A Kempster (Large sign at front of Mill Park, Sign at Weir and Accessibility routes around the pond).</p> <p>CIL ideas were put forward including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bicycle racks or stands for Mill Park and then other parks – this is to be investigated (Rangers, Local Countryside Access Forum) and brought back to the next ES meeting• Interpretation boards at North Lake (Councillors L Gibson and Kempster to design the boards if approved)
ES1282	Community Events
	The success of the virtual Christmas Concert was NOTED
ES1283	Police Report
	There has been no police report due to a cross over in working times but this is being chased and will be updated at the next ES meeting
ES1284	Work Started and Completed
	The work started and completed by the RFM and the team was NOTED BFC are looking into biomass and the RFM will discuss this option for the allotments based on their research S106 monies for drainage at Great Hollands is still in progress. The RFM will get an update for the next ES meeting
ES1285	Items for Future Discussion
	Some CIL ideas were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boards at North Lake as part of CIL requests• Cycle racks at various parks.

The date of the next meeting is 13th April 2021

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