



# Bracknell Town Council

## Environmental Services Committee Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Information Gathering Discussion

### Attendance

Councillors Present	James Alexander, Lizzy Gibson, Jennie Green, Anna Kempster, Sanjeev Prasad, Mary Temperton, <b>Malcolm Tullett</b>
Councillor Apologies	Stuart Foston
Councillors Co-opted	Michael Gbadebo (Carbon Reduction), Isabel Mattick (Green Champion), Chris Turrell
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Rachel Gordge (OM), Members of the public, Kasia Muszynska (More Trees), Dr Padideh Tosti (More Trees), Peter (More Trees)

The guests from More Trees gave a presentation telling Council about how they set up their organisation to plant more trees by partnering up with organisations and local authorities. More Trees co-fund between 500-1500 trees at £6 per tree. They then organise a planting day with volunteers from the community to encourage them to take responsibility for the trees. The session was followed by questions from the Committee. Officers will write a report and bring it to the next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee for discussion.

**The meeting opened via MS Teams at 8.09pm and closed at 9.27pm**

<b>ES1370</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> James Alexander – The Angel Memorial
<b>ES1371</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee held on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were proposed by Councillor Malcolm Tullett and seconded by Councillor Mary Temperton. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted as a correct record and signed by the Chair
<b>ES1372</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>ES1191 Birch Hill Toilets</b> – The Town Clerk is still waiting for the changing places grant to be decided. No timescale has been given <b>ES1217 Helicopter Park</b> - The work on the park has been put on hold due to standing water and the damage from Storm Eunice. This will be picked up at the end of March/ beginning of April <b>ES1304 Braybrooke Island</b> – The Town Clerk is still waiting for a response from the Environment Agency. This will continue to be chased <b>ES1310 Avian Flu</b> – It was noted that the birds are to be fed as usual and that no signs are required for the ponds <b>ES1305 Birch Hill Fence</b> – Once the quotes have been sent out for tender, the detailed quotes will be taken to S&F Committee. The aim is to complete this work in the summer months <b>SF1172 Open Spaces Leases</b> – The leases for the three open spaces are still with BFC solicitors. Once received they will be signed by the Town Mayor <b>ES1219 Play Areas Working Group</b> – The date of the next meeting will be sent out once the storm clear up is complete and once staff sickness has improved



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<b>ES1373</b>	<b>Green Champion</b>
	<p>Councillor Mrs Isabel Mattick gave an update on her work as Green Champion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The first Green Champion Day at Mill Park was a success</li><li>• Thanks to all staff for their hard work and to Councillors for supporting</li><li>• Networking with Public Health and Jealotts Hill Landshare</li><li>• Councillor Mattick was thanked for her hard work as Green Champion</li></ul>
<b>ES1374</b>	<b>Ongoing Projects</b>
	<p>The Chair of the Mill Park Working Group gave an update following the last meeting of the working group. The working group is closed and the chairman read out a list of all the projects that have been completed. There are some projects that are still ongoing and that these will be managed operationally by the Town Clerk and RFM. The Town Clerk will bring a report to the next meeting updating the Committee on the progress of the following approved projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grab rails for toilets - on order</li><li>• Car park lines to be painted and disabled parking signage erected - completed Monday 17 January</li><li>• Sensory garden - weather dependant</li><li>• Bins - currently trailing different options</li><li>• Accessibility signage to be installed by steps - RFM reviewing</li><li>• Access road accessibility - following a discussion the Town Clerk was requested to bring a report to the next meeting of any operational issues with access to the park by workers or visitors</li><li>• Interpretation boards - ready to be installed</li></ul>
<b>ES1375</b>	<b>Carbon Reduction Working Group</b>
	<p>An update was given by the chair of the Carbon Reduction Working Group. The energy audit has been completed and will be presented at the next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February. The group will be looking to fund projects via grant funding with the help of this energy audit</p>
<b>ES1376</b>	<b>Community Events Working Group</b>
	<p>Officers gave an update following the latest meeting of the Community Events Working Group. The next meeting of the group has been moved to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm</p>
<b>ES1377</b>	<b>Funfairs</b>
	<p>Responses have been received from the funfair organisers. Details of BTC requirements for generators are to be added to the contracts to ensure that the funfairs make the relevant changes. Two fairs have been <b>AGREED</b>, one in May and one in July. Letters will be sent to the residents advising them</p>
<b>ES1378</b>	<b>Bus Stops</b>
	<p>It was <b>NOTED</b> that the bus stops have all been cleaned and repaired. Any new damage will be repaired and they will be cleaned again in April</p>



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<b>ES1379</b>	<b>Storm Damage</b>
	The Town Clerk gave an update on the damage caused by the recent storms. The damage was <b>NOTED</b> and Councillors were very grateful for the work of the staff to rectify dangerous issues so quickly
<b>ES1380</b>	<b>Cycle Hub</b>
	The request from BFC to use BTC land for cycle hubs was reviewed. Officers were asked to take this project forward with BFC
<b>ES1381</b>	<b>CIL</b>
	New ideas were discussed and will be added to the CIL wish list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add practice cycle roads around play areas</li><li>• Add more cycle hubs at other sites to encourage cycling</li></ul> It was confirmed that the next CIL payment is due in April and will be 25% due to the Neighbourhood Plan being adopted. The Town Clerk will continue looking into the Angel Memorial and will report back to the Committee once some information has been gathered
<b>ES1382</b>	<b>Work Started and Completed</b>
	The work started and completed was <b>NOTED</b> and the staff were thanked for all of their hard work
	<b>Confidential Business</b> <i>To move that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.</i>
<b>ES1383</b>	<b>Requests to use BTC Land</b>
	This item was moved into confidential as it discusses specific businesses and organisations. The booking form was reviewed and it was recommended that a legal statement be added to advise that legal action may be taken if consent is not received for an event that takes place. The Town Clerk will speak to the Solicitors and get advice on a statement. Anyone wishing to hold an event on BTC land will be requested to complete a form. If the TC has any concerns or the event is unusual the form will be brought to Committee to discuss, otherwise the TC has the authority to approve events as an operational decision
<b>ES1384</b>	<b>Police Report</b>
	The Police gave apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. They are low on staff and also there is a lot of staff moving to new roles. New contacts were provided and the Town Clerk will engage with the new Sergeants to establish a new line of communication with the Police and to arrange more regular meetings for feedback. The written Police report was <b>NOTED</b>

*The date of the next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022*