



Bracknell Town Council

Environmental Services Committee Minutes 6th September 2022

Attendance

Councillors Present	Stuart Foston, Lizzy Gibson, Jennie Green, Anna Kempster, Isabel Mattick, Sanjeev Prasad
Councillor Apologies	James Alexander, Gill Birch, Michael Gbadebo
Councillors Virtually Present	Guy Gillbe, Mary Temperton, Chris Turrell
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Rachel Gordge (DTC)

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.44 pm

ES1147	Apologies
ES1148	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest
ES1149	Minutes
	The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee held on 24 th May 2022 were proposed by Councillor Lizzy Gibson and seconded by Councillor Sanjeev Prasad. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein were received and adopted as a correct record
ES1150	Matters Arising from the Minutes
	ES1039 Mill Park Access Road – Data is still being captured ES1040 S106 Funds for The Elms – the equipment is still being discussed ES1304 Braybrooke Island – the EA has worked with BTC staff to aerate Jeans’ Pond, an island does not seem feasible but this will be confirmed and fed back to the next meeting ES1172 Open Spaces Leases – We are still waiting for BFC to sign the leases ES1041 Thames Water Works – The works are due to start Thursday 8 th September and will last for 6 months. The water will be checked weekly and necessary precautions will be taken with regards to the Cut. ES1038 Birch Hill Toilets – The start date of the works on the toilets will be sent to Councillors when confirmed. Mill Pond – The reports of pollution in Mill Pond was confirmed as run-off from the road due to heavy rain
ES1151	Clerk’s Report
	The Clerk’s Report included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are two new Police Sergeants for Bracknell. The Clerk is working hard to build this relationship and share information which is working well and has led to some arrests in BTC parks. The Councillors’ concerns have been passed onto the Sergeants and a meeting will be booked to discuss them.• Officers are working with the Parish Clerks and BFC to create a joint project offering Warm Hubs for residents over the winter. More information will be brought to the next meeting



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ES1152	Ongoing Projects
	<p>The following projects have been completed and will be removed from this list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nettlecombe – the Astro has been removed and a selection of new play equipment has been installed• The Elms – the splits in the pathways have been mended and new tar and chip has been laid• Storm Damage – all of the damage from the storm has been repaired including roofing, trees and floodlights• Great Hollands Depot – the insurance claim for the damage caused and items stolen has been received• Helicopter Park – The work on the refurbishment has been completed <p>The following projects are ongoing and updates were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensory Garden at Mill Park – the sensory pathway is almost complete, this was delayed due to reactive works• Cycle Hub – Officers met with the organiser and funding has been secured for staff but not storage. The Town Clerk has agreed to find some space for the storage of some equipment at the Great Hollands Depot and use of the Astro for bike fixing sessions and lessons on how to ride. The project will be ongoing and plans are still being researched into practice tracks towards Home Farm. Councillors agreed for the Town Clerk to move forward with the project and to provide temporary storage for the hub• Birch Hill Fence – Works are due to start on the 17th of October• Hedgehog Corridor at Mill Park – Officers are continuing to work on this project
ES1153	Community Events Working Group
	<p>A report from the Chair of the Working Group was presented. Recent successful events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Years• Armed Forces Day• Summer of Fun Events• Fun Fairs <p>Future events being discussed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silver Sunday• Diwali• Remembrance Parade
ES1154	Carbon Reduction
	<p>The minutes of the previous Carbon Reduction Working Group meeting were NOTED. The Carbon Reduction Action Plan progress was also NOTED</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Anna Kempster that the nomination of an Energy Champion to work in conjunction with the Finance Officer is to be taken to Full Council. This was seconded by Councillor Lizzy Gibson</p>



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ES1155	Play Area Working Group
	The Working Group met virtually in July and then on-site at two different parks at the beginning of the summer holidays. There is a schedule of works that have already been included in the budget for 2022-23 and this work will continue until the end of April 2023. An audit has been done on the equipment at each play area and this will be used at the next Working Group meeting to prioritise future works for the year 2023-24 in the form of a long-term plan.
ES1156	Green Champion
	The Green Champion, Councillor Mrs. Isabel Mattick sent a report to the Committee including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green Champion activities were run at both Summer of Fun events with the help of the staff from the Body Shop who kindly volunteered their time to plant seeds with children and Margaret Atkins from Tesco• The Green Champion is working with the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities to give wildflower seeds to children attending with their families to collect or scatter ashes
ES1157	CIL Report
	The CIL report was tabled and NOTED New ideas were put forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• De-silt North Lake and find a solution to the crayfish issue – these issues will be researched by Officers and information or alternatives will be brought to the next meeting. Councillor Prasad will try to arrange a presentation regarding the de-silting of the lake
ES1158	Junior Park Run
	The committee reviewed the request for Junior Park Run to hold events at Great Hollands Recreation ground on Christmas Day and New Year's Day as these fall on their usual running days. Councillors agreed that this could go ahead on the condition that the green spaces and woodland are not used inappropriately due to the facilities being closed and that the tracks are checked by Park Run volunteers to ensure they are safe. This was proposed by Councillor Lizzy Gibson and seconded by Councillor Sanjeev Prasad APPROVED
ES1159	Work Started and Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work started and completed by the Grounds Team was NOTED• The Town Clerk gave an update on the training undertaken by the Grounds Team• It was NOTED that QR codes have been used to link to the BTC website giving details of equipment that is out of action
ES1160	Confidential: South Berkshire Hockey Club
	The committee reviewed the report submitted by the South Berkshire Hockey Club regarding the use of Birch Hill Recreation Ground. After an in-depth conversation, Officers were given approval to move forward with planning additional games at the site for the Hockey Club around the current regular bookings but not taking priority



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	over them. More information is required with regards to upgrading the site requests on the report and Officers will bring more information regarding investment from the Hockey Club to the next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee
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The date of the next meeting is 29th November 2022