



Date 29/11/2022
Time 19:00 - 21:30
Location Brooke House 54 High Street Bracknell

Present Cllrs: James Alexander, Stuart Foston, Michael Gbadebo Jennie Green, Lizzy Gibson, **Anna Kempster**, Isabel Mattick, Sanjeev Prasad, Mary Temperton, Chris Turrell.
Remote Access: Cllrs: Michael Skinner, Gill Birch.
Co-opted Cllrs: Diana Henfrey, Guy Gillbe.

In attendance Steve Atkins SSE (Presenter), Chandra Trikha, Serina Casella (FO)
Town Clerk Jackie Burgess
One member of the public

Agenda

ES1161 / 22 - Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Steve Atkins - Whole System Strategy for SSEN Scottish and Southern Electricity network and Chandra Trikha who helped arrange the presentation. The presentation lasted 20 minutes with 10 minutes question and answer time. The slides and responses to the questions raised will be shared with all Councillors following the meeting.

ES1162 / 22 - Attendance

Councillors Henfrey and Gillbe were cop-opted for agenda item ES1168/22

ES1163 / 22 - Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

ES1164 / 22 - Minutes

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 6th September 2022. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton and seconded by Councillor Lizzy Gibson all Councillors were in agreement.

ES1165 / 22 - Matters Arising

ES1039 - Mill Park Access Road - The Committee debated/discussed the issues with the access road. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would look into obtaining quotations for a professional survey with a clear remit of detailing how often the road is congested with traffic which stops vehicles from entering the Mill Park Recreation Car Park. The information to be taken to Strategy and Finance Committee for a decision on expenditure. Councillors were reminded to report any ASB to Thames Valley Police via [Home | Thames Valley Police](#) or call 101 unless there was an immediate threat of anyone being seriously injured or immediate danger or risk to public safety.

ES1304 Braybrooke Island - This wasn't deemed feasible with the depth and width of the pond – the Town Clerk to investigate other ideas for a safe haven for the wildlife.

SF1172 Open Spaces Leases - The three parks have been taken over by BTC and are being assessed for works required

ES1041 Thames Water Works, Jocks Lane - The work is continuing but is anticipated to take 6 months. More informative posters have been put up around the site by Thames Water

ES1150 South Berkshire Hockey Club - Talks are ongoing

ES1038 Birch Hill Toilets - Works have commenced but there has been a delay on the delivery of the specialist equipment.

ES1166 / 22 - Clerk's Report

To note the following updates from the Town Clerk:

Thames Valley Police – Cllr Anna Kempster, Chair of the Environmental Services Committee gave an update

following a recent meeting with Thames Valley Police. A briefing from that meeting will be shared electronically with all Councillors following this meeting. Councillors expressed concerns that residents were not reporting incidents to the police as they never get a response so they don't bother again. A discussion with the police on how to resolve this needs to happen. Councillor Gbadebo said a mobile App would be much better as nearly everyone carries a phone. These suggestions will be taken to the next meeting with Thames Valley Police.

Warm Hubs - BFC are managing the Warm Hubs and have worked with several local organisations to establish warm hubs across the Borough.

Community winter hubs | Bracknell Forest Council (bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

Bracknell Forest Council have 7 Community Winter Hub locations across the borough where residents can go along and use these spaces to stay warm, meet others, play games, receive a hot drink etc. Councillor Temperton also reported that a warm hub is running out of Great Hollands Community Centre NOTED.

Salt Bins - The winter service plan for Bracknell Forest has been published. Councillors to note that salt bins will be in position on streets all year as moving them has caused deterioration. The full plan is available here: [BFC winter service plan](#). Councillors questioned why coloured salt was not used to stop the salt being misappropriated.

Additional Salt Bin A request has been received from residents of Wylam Great Hollands for a salt bin to be placed within their road. The road is on an incline with steep driveways. The incline does not fall within the criteria for BFC to supply a bin so the residents have contacted BTC to see if BTC would fund the bin. The residents struggle to navigate the road as soon as it gets icy. Committee reviewed the request and referred the matter to Strategy and Finance with more information on the gradient of the road and the criteria for issuing a Salt Bin.

North Lake Councillors have noticed some dead Crayfish along the banks of North Lake. Thames Water to be contacted.

ES1167 / 22 - Ongoing Projects

The following projects have been completed and will be removed from this list: NOTED

- Sensory Garden at Mill Park – The Committee asked for a vote of thanks to be given on their behalf to the team who worked on this – Look to install a plaque detailing the origins of the Sensory garden and the refurbishment for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- Birch Hill Astro Turf Fence (Hockey Club) – installation is now complete

The following projects are ongoing:

- Cycle Hub at Great Hollands - This project has been delayed but BTC will work with BFC to restart the project in the Spring
- Hedgehog Corridor at Ringmead - 420 saplings have been provided by the Woodland Trust to plant a wildlife corridor around Ringmead Allotments. Some of the saplings are trees so these will be used at Braybrooke to enhance the area behind the depot

ES1168 / 22 - Wildridings Bench

Bracknell Forest Council have asked if BTC has any valid objections to this community asset being relocated due to antisocial behaviour. The bench is located at Wildridings shopping centre opposite the dentist. Following a discussion it was AGREED to recommend to BFC that the bench remain where it is. The majority felt removing the bench will not stop the antisocial behaviour and the bench is well used in this area.

ES1169 / 22 - Lily Hill Park

The Committee NOTED the progress report for June to November 2022 at Lily Hill Park. The positive report was well received and gave an excellent overview of the Park. The Staff at Lily Hill Park should be commended for their work and the Committee hoped BTC would continue to support Lily Hill Park. NOTED

ES1170 / 22 - Jealotts Hill Community Landshare

The committee NOTED the Annual report from Jealotts Hill Community Landshare . The Committee wished their congratulations be passed on to the staff at the site and thanked for their hard work in making the site so welcoming to a variety of group. The project Manager will do a presentation to the meeting on 28th February 2023 at 7pm. Additionally JHCL have invited Councillors to attend the site at 10am on 15th February 2023 for a tour of the site. Councillor Green recommended that Councillors visit for the Wassail celebration in January 2023. More details will be shared nearer the time.

ES1171 / 22 - Community Events Working Group

The Chairman of the Community Events Working Group gave an update on events that had been held since the last meeting

Silver Sunday - lots of residents enjoyed cake and tea at our pavilions

Diwali Event - This was supported by the Hindu community and was a great success with families enjoying arts and crafts as well as traditional dancing and story telling

Remembrance Sunday – This was very well attended. Each year BTC learn more about managing this event and will look to making it more assessable for all.

Kings Coronation – the grant system for the Queens Jubilee celebration worked really well so the Community Events Working Group will look to organise the same for the Coronation.

ES1172 / 22 - Carbon Reduction Working Group

To note that Councillor Michael Gbadebo has been appointed Energy Champion to work alongside the Finance Officer. The Chairman of the working group updated the Committee on the meeting in July where all six parishes met and shared their ideas. This will be held again in March 2023. Councillor Gbadebo was thanked for his work on this important project and the Deputy Clerk was thanked for the survey she conducted.

ES1173 / 22 - Play Areas Working Group

The Chairman of the working group updated the Committee on work carried out so far.

To note that the five play areas being recommended to the strategy and Finance Committee by the Working Group for refurbishment in the 2023/24 budget are:

- Ullswater
- Latimer
- Pollardrow
- South Hill Road
- Mill Park Ship

A consultation will be undertaken in the new year with regards to the refurbishment of Ullswater.

ES1174 / 22 - Green Champion

Councillor Mrs Isabel Mattick gave an update on the work carried out so far in 2022. Councillor Mrs Mattick was thanked for her very proactive work.

ES1175 / 22 - To discuss ideas for commemorative ideas for Queen Elizabeth II

The following Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative ideas were put forward. Councillors were requested to email any ideas to the Town Clerk so that costings can be brought to the next meeting.

1. Commemorative Garden at The Elms
2. Support the Green Canopy
3. Rename a park as the Queen Elizabeth Park

ES1176 / 22 - CIL

The CIL report was noted.

One item was added to the wish list – a plaque detailing the history of the sensory garden at Mill Park.

ES1177 / 22 - Work Started and Completed

To note the work started and completed by the Grounds Team

Weekly play area inspections

Weekly football pitch mark out

Memorial bench pad installations

Installation of Memorial benches, Great Hollands and Mill Park

Repair of Water fountain Great Hollands

Winscombe High Rotator repair

Repairs to balance beam Threshfields

Bushes cut back Bus Lane

Tiger Mulching under swings

Bowls Green renovations

Ullswater log removal

Flail arm works Braybrooke, The Elms, Jocks Lane, Nuthurst, Beedon Drive

Cricket renovations

Marking out for School Rugby event Great Hollands

HAV's testing

Tidy up The Elms flower beds

Bus Stop Clean

Braybrooke start work on mess room

Birch Hill High Fence installation

Birch Hill assessable path upgrade

Birch Hill check and replace floodlight bulbs

Finish Mill Park Sensory Garden

Start works on Crown Row Trim Trail

The Committee gave thanks to all the staff for the quality of the work undertaken.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The Next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee is scheduled for 28th February 2023 – the meeting will start at **7pm in the Council Chamber to allow for a presentation from JHCL**