Bracknell Town Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes



 Date
 06/06/2023

 Time
 19:30 – 20:45

 Location
 Council Chamber

Present Clirs: Kathleen Nugent, Simon Carter, Mary Temperton, Ryan Frost, Helen Purnell, Janet

Cochrane, Gerry Webb, Ellen Mac Hale, Jodie Watts (7.43pm), Imara Wright (7.46pm)

Apologies Cllrs: Lucy Young, Caroline Egglestone

Absent Cllrs: Jeffrey Gillbe

Officers Jackie Burgess, Rachel Gordge

Minutes

ES21 / 23 - Attendance

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lucy Young, Caroline Egglestone Cllr Helen Purnell was in attendance as a substitution

ES22 / 23 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

ES23 / 23 - Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 28th February 2023 was proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton and seconded by Councillor Ryan Frost APPROVED

The approval of the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 16th May 2023 was proposed by Councillor Kathleen Nugent and seconded by Councillor Simon Carter APPROVED

ES24 / 23 - Matters Arising

ES1041 Thames Water Works – The works are in the final stages but still some remedial work to be done. The Town Clerk has asked for compensation due to the length of time the works have taken, any compensation granted would be used to upgrade a facility at Jocks Lane.

ES1038 Birch Hill Toilets – The inspection for the handover was done and some of the work was not up to quality standards. Once the finishings are of high quality, the lease needs to be re-signed by new Councillors at the next Full Council meeting on the 27th of June 2023 and BTC will be taking over the toilets from the 1st July 2023 ES11/23 The Big Help Out – The event saw 320 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides taking part in the litter pick and it was a big success. BFC helped with the collection of the rubbish and the event ended with some cake and tea. ES12/23 Cycle Hub – Over the Easter holidays, around ten families attended the hub to learn how to ride a bike. Bikability is attending our Summer of Fun to promote their work.

ES25 / 23 - Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed, and no content changes were proposed, however, a spelling mistake and font error were noted. The Terms of Reference were proposed to be taken to Full Council for formal approval APPROVED

ES26 / 23 - Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk gave updates on the following items:

- Jealotts Hill Landshare visit Councillors have been offered a visit to see the site and the work that they
 do for the community. The Town Clerk will send a poll of available dates to Councillors via email for the
 visit.
- Dog Washing Station Jocks Lane A private business has requested to use one of our sites to install a
 compact washer and dryer which would be available for a small cost to wash muddy dogs. Councillors
 unanimously decided that BTC sites would not be suitable for this project REFUSED
- Pump Track A small dirt track for riding jumps has been requested at one of our sites. Businesses
 offering this service are very specialised and charge £500-600 to attend a site for a quote. Councillors
 decided to wait for a video of a pump track in use to decide if it is viable for one of the sites. A video will
 be brought to the next Environmental Services Committee meeting for Councillors to review
- Infrared Heating Panels The budget is already set aside for Jocks Lane and Braybrooke solar panels. One of the companies advised that infrared heating panels would be suitable for the sites where the boiler is being replaced for efficiency. The site will be surveyed for costing which may delay solar panels, but the project is moving forward. An update will be brought to the next meeting.

ES27 / 23 - Ongoing Projects

It was NOTED that the following projects are ongoing:

- Cycle Hub at Great Hollands This is successful and continues to grow. Storage may be required for bike storage in the future on-site
- Hedgehog Corridor at Ringmead This is for the protection of wildlife. This is ongoing work with BFC and there are another 420 saplings that will be planted in Autumn to continue the corridor
- Solar Panels On hold whilst the infrared panels are being investigated as per the Clerks Report

ES28 / 23 - Mill Park Access

The report that was commissioned to assess the access road at Mill Park was reviewed. The Town Clerk suggested that this information is shared with BFC and McDonald's to arrange a meeting to discuss this issue and the evidence in the report. Councillor Simon Carter and Councillor Kathleen Nugent would like to be included in this meeting.

ES29 / 23 - Community Events Working Group

The date of the Working Group meeting on 11th July 2023 6.30 pm and upcoming events were NOTED Councillors were encouraged to attend the events as volunteers.

- 21st June Teddy Bear's Picnic Great Hollands Rec
- 2nd August Summer of Fun Great Hollands Rec
- 30th August Summer of Fun Braybrooke
- 1st September Merchant Navy Day Brooke House
- 23rd October Diwali Celebration Great Hollands Pavilion
- 12th November Remembrance Parade

It was recommended that Officers add the following items to the next agenda for the Working Group:

- The 100-year anniversary of the War Memorial in Bracknell in 2024
- NHS Flag for NHS 75th anniversary

ES30 / 23 - Carbon Reduction Working Group

The date of the Working Group meeting on 12th September 2023 at 6.30 pm was NOTED

A summary was given of all the work BTC does to reduce their carbon footprint

ES31 / 23 - CIL

- The CIL wish list was reviewed and Councillors were asked to speak to their residents to get new ideas for CIL projects within their wards
- Ideas for CIL funding can be emailed to the Town Clerk or verbally presented at Environmental Services meetings

Items to add to CIL Wishlist:

- Bins for the safe disposal of vape pens as the batteries contain lithium which is dangerous in the landfill.
 Councillors would also like to request that advertising showing the dangers of vaping on disposable devices that contain dangerous substances
- Trim Trails for over 12-year-olds to be added to more sites
- The higher seating item needs to be edited to cover all sites and not just Great Hollands
- More Cedar of Lebanon trees to be planted

ES32 / 23 - Work Start and Completed

The work started and completed by the Grounds Team was NOTED

ES33 / 23 - Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting on 26th	September at 7.30 pr	m in the Council Cha	amber at Brooke H	ouse was
NOTED				

Signed:			
Date:			