



# Bracknell Town Council

## Environmental Services Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Date	<b>Tuesday, 10, September 2024</b>
Time	<b>19:30 - 20:45</b>
Location	<b>Council Chamber Brooke House</b>
Present	Cllrs: Ryan Frost, Ellen Mac Hale, <b>Kathleen Nugent</b> , Donna Sidebotham (Sub), Mary Temperton, Graham Firth (Sub), Jodie Watts
Apologies	Cllrs: Simon Carter, Cath Thompson, Gerry Webb, Imara Wright, Lucy Young, Jeffery Gillbe.
Virtual	Cllrs: Janet Cochrane
Officers	Jackie Burgess Town Clerk

## Minutes

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### ES48/24 ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Simon Carter, Cath Thompson, Gerry Webb, Imara Wright, Lucy Young, Jeffery Gillbe. Councillor Janet Cochrane joined online. Councillors Donna Sidebotham and Graham Firth were approved as substitutes for the meeting

### ES49/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

### ES50/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June were proposed by Councillor M Temperton and seconded by Councillor J Watts. All Councillors approved

### ES51/24 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

### ES52/24 CLERK'S REPORT

To note the following updates from the Town Clerk:

- Jocks Lane Consultation: The consultation results on the additional equipment at Jocks Lane was reviewed. 268 responses were received and out of this 225 (84%) agreed with the location and 167 (62%) agreed with the selected piece of equipment. The work will include fencing the area and installing a gate between the two. Staff will look at including a large slide (maybe a bank slide) and will also carry out some replanting as one tree will need to be removed. Cllr Temperton proposed that we go ahead with the installation, this was seconded by Councillor Watts and AGREED unanimously by the Committee

- Pump Track: The Town Council undated the Committee on the project. Planning approval needs to be applied for. A detailed design is ready and we are currently waiting on the Biodiversity net gain (BNG) and the ecology study to support the application. NOTED
- Biodiversity Audit: The reports will be received mid-September and will be brought to the next meeting NOTED

## ES53/24 ONGOING PROJECTS

The following projects have been completed and will be removed from the next list:

- New water fountain installed Jocks Lane
- New fence installed around Jocks Lane Crazy Golf
- Variety of tree work completed at The Elms and along the Cut
- Community Pay back now set up and volunteer works have started
- Digital Play Equipment inspections now in place and being used by the team
- The Elephant Pump funded by Bracknell Town Council via AquAid Water Coolers has been installed in the Manicaland Province in the highlands of Zimbabwe. It will provide up to 10,000 litres of clean, safe drinking water per day for upwards of 300 people for decades. The pump was built by an experienced Africa Trust team leader, with the assistance of the local community, using more readily and locally available materials. This allows the community to repair the pump more easily should they need to, which in turn extends the life of the pump.

The following projects are ongoing:

- Pump Track – see agenda item above
- Jocks Lane Play Area – see agenda item above
- Indian Bean Trees – to be purchased Autumn
- Replace Ship at Mill Park – work will start mid September
- Wild Flower Meadows will be cut back in September
- Basket Ball Courts at Jocks lane to be painted September
- Eco-friendly weed control systems are being researched
- Five-Year Plan for Refurbishment:

Following a walk around Braybrooke Recreation Ground with Ian Evans the Recreational Facilities Manager – Councillor Mac Hale would like the following to be considered when Braybrooke is next put forward as a project – updates were given against the points raised

- Planting more bulbs and foxglove seeds in woodland locations by the pond – *need to decide on locations that will not impede maintenance*
- To investigate planting a stumpery with ferns at the Eastern Entrance to the park in the shaded area Maintenance could be an issue as not really sustainable on an open park
- To prune and thin out the fruit trees - trees are currently not mature enough for this work
- To plant more saplings by the North entrance to the Park. – 120 whips on order
- Continuing with the rewilding of areas near the woods -this is part of our ongoing biodiversity work
- To consider installing more equipment suitable for teenagers – to be considered as part of the play area projects

- To upgrade the knee rail around the pond – This is already being quoted for and will be carried out in the next few months.
- More signs around the park explaining the different areas and especially at the Pond explaining the history of the pond. -this to be passed to the Bracknell History Working Group
- Easier toilet access – if not possible more signage explaining the process – this is currently in hand and we are working with the nursery to make access easier
- To look at making the slopes leading up from the pond safer – removal of the chain link fencing. The RFM to review and remove or replace

Councillor Mac Hale thanked the RFM for his time and for already addressing some of the points raised. The Committee requested that the following be considered

- Not mowing all the way up to the tree trunks
- Investigating installing solar panels over Braybrooke Depot or Car Park
- To look at flags or a covid flower bed

#### **ES54/24 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Committee NOTED the completed and upcoming events.

##### **Completed Events:**

- 6th June 2024 80th anniversary of D-Day
- 8th and 9th June 2024 SHP Food Festival
- 23rd June 2024 Community and Culture Event Celebrating 75 years of Bracknell New Town
- 10th July Teddy Bears' Picnic GH
- 29th June 2024 Armed Forces Day
- 20th July 2024 Pride Event
- 7th August 2024 Summer of Fun GH
- 28th August 2024 Summer of Fun Braybrooke
- 3rd September 2024 Merchant Navy Day
- 7th September 2024 Heritage Day Brooke House Foyer

##### **Upcoming Events:**

- 27th/28th/29th September 2024 McMillan Coffee Morning
- 6th October 2024 Silver Sunday
- 25th October 2024 100th anniversary of The Angel
- 10th November 2024 Bracknell Town Remembrance Event
- 11th November 2024 Remembrance Service at The Angel
- 2025 70th Anniversary of Bracknell Town Council
- 2027 60th Anniversary of GH – Councillor Temperton is already looking to organise an event

#### **ES55/24 CARBON REDUCTION WORKING GROUP**

The last meeting of the Carbon Reduction Working Group was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September – the minutes were NOTED

**ES56/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Town Clerk has had a request to remove Councillor Jeff Gillbe from the Environmental Services Committee membership. Councillor Firth proposed approval of this request, Councillor Temperton seconded it and all the Committee were in favour. This will be taken to Full Council for ratification.

**ES57/24 THE ELMS CAR PARK**

The Committee is requested to review a request to open The Elms car park to the public. Following a review of the documents the Committee felt this would have a negative impact on the parking for football and other users of the site. Councillor Temperton put forward a formal request for Council to consider as part of the celebrations of 70 years of Bracknell Town Council to look to build our own building at The Elms as our lease at Brooke House is coming to an end. This will be taken to Full Council

**ES58/24 CIL**

- The CIL report was NOTED
- The following were put forward as suggestions to be added to the CIL wishlist
  - Solar Panels – Braybrooke Depot
  - Solar panels – Braybrooke Car Park
  - More seats with higher arms
  - Solar Panels on floodlights / car park lights
  - Owl boxes at The Elms
  - To live stream from bird boxes

**ES59/24 WORK START AND COMPLETED**

Committee NOTED the work completed and liked the format of the new report

**Date of the next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 pm Council Chamber Brooke House**

Sign:

Date: