

Environmental Services Committee Agenda

Tuesday 10th September 2024 from 19:30 - 21:30 in the Council Chamber at Brooke House

AGENDA

ES48/24 ATTENDANCE

To receive apologies, substitutions and co-options

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

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 4th June 2024

ES51/24 MATTERS ARISING

To discuss any matters arising from the minutes not discussed elsewhere on the agenda

ES52/24 CLERK'S REPORT

To note the following updates from the Town Clerk:

- Jocks Lane Consultation: To note the results from the second phase of consultation on the attached report and to review the response to the matters raised
- Pump Track: To receive an update on the progress of the project
- Biodiversity Audit: The reports will be received mid-September and will be brought to the next meeting

ES53/24 ONGOING PROJECTS

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

- The Elephant Pump funded by Bracknell Town Council via AquaAid 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
- Jocks Lane Play Area
- Indian Bean Trees
- 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
 - Planting more bulbs and foxglove seeds in woodland locations by the pond.
 - To investigate planting a stumpery with ferns at the Eastern Entrance to the park in the shaded area
 - To prune and thin out the fruit trees
 - To plant more saplings by the North entrance to the Park.
 - Continuing with the rewilding of areas near the woods
 - To consider installing more equipment suitable for teenagers
 - 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.

- Easier toilet access – if not possible more signage explaining the process
- To look at making the slopes leading up from the pond safer – removal of the chain link fencing.

ES54/24 COMMUNITY EVENTS

To discuss 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

ES55/24 CARBON REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

The last meeting of the Carbon Reduction Working Group is being held on the 4th September, and the minutes will be tabled at the meeting for review. Any recommendations will be detailed in the minutes.

ES56/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Town Clerk has had a request to remove Councillor Jeff Gillbe from the Environmental Services Committee membership. If the committee agrees to this a request will be taken to Full Council where it will be reviewed.

ES57/24 THE ELMS CAR PARK

The Committee is requested to review a request to open The Elms car park to the public. Following any research required, any recommendations are to be sent to the Strategy and Finance Committee if they involve a cost, or to Full Council if not.

- Speak to BFC about lease
- Employ a parking management company
- Speak to Silva Homes about parking for their development
- Keep it closed for BTC use when needed
- Discuss other options

ES58/24 CIL

- To note the CIL report
- To suggest new ideas for CIL funding

ES59/24 WORK START AND COMPLETED

To note the work started and completed by the Grounds Team