



# Bracknell Town Council

## Environmental Services Committee Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Councillors,

Members of the Environmental Services Committee are summoned to attend this **Environmental Services Committee Meeting** in the **Council Chamber** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** from **19:30 - 21:30**.

Please note that this is a face-to-face meeting and if Councillors attend virtually this will not be counted as attendance and they will not be able to vote.

The meeting is open to the press and the public, who may join either in person or virtually.

Yours sincerely,

*Jackie Burgess*

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Town Clerk

### Agenda

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#### **ES1/24 - Attendance**

To receive apologies, substitutions and co-options

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#### **ES2/24 - 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
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#### **ES3/24 - Minutes**

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 26/09/2023

**Attachments** [2023-09-26 - Environmental Services Committee - Minutes.pdf](#)



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## ES4/24 - Matters Arising

ES28/23 - Mill Park Access Road - To receive an update on the meeting being booked to discuss the access road

ES1038 - Birch Hill Toilets - To receive an update following arson at the toilets

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## ES5/24 - Clerk's Report

To note the following updates from the Town Clerk:

- South Berkshire Hockey Club - Lease
  - SHP Food Festival - Parking and BTC Involvement
  - Cross Country Event - Great Hollands 8th February
  - Funfair - Contract amendments
  - Decarbonisation Grant -our energy consultant is continuing to work on compiling data on our sites in anticipation of the next Decarbonisation Grant becoming available
  - School Trip - 22 Year 6 students from St Michael's, Easthampstead to learn about the changing landscape of Bracknell
  - Arson at Jocks Lane Recreation Ground
  - Break in Mill Park Boathouse
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## ES6/24 - Ongoing Projects

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

- Hedgehog Corridor at Ringmead has been completed
- Solar panels have been installed at Jocks Lane
- The boiler has been replaced at Jocks Lane
- Installation of new play area at Ullswater
- Repairs to Yardley Play Area following arson are complete

The following projects are ongoing:

- Pump Track Consultation - to be held at Mill Park at a Skateboarding Competition to encourage responses from a range of residents
- Clearing Crowthorne Road Allotments
- Guttering and facias at Jocks Lane are being replaced
- Arson damage at Jocks Lane is being assessed by the Insurance Company
- Work is underway on a five year plan for play area refurbishment



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- New boilers for Braybrooke and Birch Hill are being researched
  - Upgrades to Water Safety at our sites following a risk assessment
  - Biodiversity Audit/Biodiversity Action Plan is being investigated
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#### **ES7/24 - Biodiversity Statement**

The Town Clerk has created a Biodiversity Statement based on a model document. This is legally required to be approved by Council and published on the BTC website. The Carbon Reduction Working Group have noted the statement. The Environmental Services Committee is asked to approve the Biodiversity Statement and recommend adoption of the document to Full Council.

#### **Attachments**

[Draft Model Biodiversity Statement.pdf](#)

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#### **ES8/24 - Police and Crime Commissioner Visit**

The PCC is visiting BTC on Friday 16th February in the afternoon, to see the benefits of the Youth Work Grant awarded in August 2023. Any Councillors who wish to attend are welcome. More details to follow.

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#### **ES9/24 - Food Truck Request**

To review requests to operate a food truck out of Bracknell Town Council car parks. Further details will be brought to the meeting

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#### **ES10/24 - Metal Detecting Permits**

To review a request from a resident asking BTC to review their policy on not allowing metal detecting on green spaces as Reading Borough Council allow residents to have an annual permit for £10 to detect at any site that isn't a sports ground. BTC has always rejected metal detecting requests in the past due to the percentage of area covered in sports pitches and the risk of injury to the public caused by uneven ground. Cases previously have been considered on an individual basis so there is no policy in place

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## ES11/24 - Tennis Request

To review a request to lease and manage all tennis courts at Great Hollands

**Attachments** [4G Proposal @Great Hollands Recreation Ground.pdf](#)

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## ES12/24 - Community Events Working Group

To receive an update on the Working Group

Completed Events since the last meeting:

- 29th September McMillan Coffee Morning
- 1st October Silver Sunday
- 12th November Remembrance Parade

Upcoming Events:

- 6th June 2024 80th Anniversary of D-Day
  - 8th & 9th June 2024 SHP Food Festival
  - 23rd June 2024 Community and Culture Event celebrating 75 years of Bracknell New Town
  - Potential June 2024 Teddy Bears' Picnic
  - 29th June 2024 Armed Forces Day
  - 13th July Pride Event
  - 7th August 2024 Summer of Fun
  - 28th August 2024 Summer of Fun
  - 3rd September 2024 Merchant Navy Day
  - 27th/28th/29th September 2024 MacMillan Coffee Morning
  - 6th October 2024 Silver Sunday
  - 25th October 2024 100 years of the War Memorial
  - 10th November 2024 Remembrance Parade
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## ES13/24 - Carbon Reduction Working Group

To receive an update on the Working Group

- To note the Carbon Reduction Plan 2024 - an amalgamation of the Carbon Reduction Action Plan, an overview, and ongoing timescales for proposed projects and works
- Since 2017 when the Carbon Reduction Working Group was set up, BTC has reduced its CO2 emissions by an average of 6.17% per year

**Attachments** [Carbon Reduction Plan 2024.pdf](#)



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## ES14/24 - CIL

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

### Attachments

[CIL DOCUMENT 2023-24 updated Jan 24.pdf](#)

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## ES15/24 - Work Start and Completed

To note the work started and completed by the Grounds Team

### Attachments

[Work Started and Completed Dec 23.pdf](#)

[Work Started and Completed Jan 24.pdf](#)

**Date of the next Meeting: 23rd April 2024 Council Chamber Brooke House**