



Bracknell Town Council

Environmental Services Committee Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Date	Tuesday 23rd April 2024
Time	19:33 – 20.44
Location	Council Chamber, Brooke House
Present	Councillors: Ellen MacHale, Helen Purnell (Sub), Ryan Frost, Donna Sidebotham (Sub), Gerry Webb, Kathleen Nugent
Apologies	Councillors: Jeffrey Gillbe, Lucy Young, Simon Carter
Absent	Councillor Janet Cochrane
Virtual	Councillors: Caroline Egglestone, Mary Temperton, Jodie Watts, Imara Wright
Officers	Jackie Burgess, Rachel Gordge

Minutes

ES16/24 ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Jeffrey Gillbe, Lucy Young and Simon Carter
Virtual attendance: Councillors Caroline Egglestone, Mary Temperton, Jodie Watts and Imara Wright.

Absent: Councillor Janet Cochrane

ES17/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

ES18/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 23rd of January 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Councillor Ellen Mac Hale and were seconded by Councillor Donna Sidebotham **APPROVED**

ES19/24 MATTERS ARISING

ES28/23 - Mill Park Access Road – McDonalds have a meeting booked with the Planning Department at BFC to discuss amendments to the access road. A meeting will be organised with McDonald's when they have details from their meeting.

ES1038 - Birch Hill Toilets – The toilets are working and operational

ES7/24 - Biodiversity Statement - The biodiversity statement has been approved and loaded onto the website

ES8/24 - Police and Crime Commissioner Visit - The PCC visited Great Hollands when The Wayz held a football event on the ball courts. This was a very successful visit with over 90 young people attending the free football session.

ES20/24 CLERK'S REPORT

The following updates from the Town Clerk were NOTED:

- South Berkshire Hockey Club – A survey of the rental value of the building has been done and a report is being organised
- SHP Food Festival – SHP will have pre-booked parking with marshals on North Lake. The Clerk will speak to the CEO to see if a free bus service to assist the visitors in getting to the festival can be arranged

- Arson at Jocks Lane Recreation Ground – The new play equipment has been installed at Jocks Lane, and a larger piece of equipment is being planned on the site, areas close to the toddler area are being researched.
- Break in Mill Park Boathouse – The repairs have been done and the out-of-date signage to the lake will be assessed.

ES21/24 ONGOING PROJECTS

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

- Jocks Lane - The play equipment has been replaced
- Braybrooke - New energy efficient boiler has been installed
- Biodiversity Audit - Quote has been received, to be discussed in next item
- Clearing Crowthorne Road Allotments
- Guttering and facias at Jocks Lane are being replaced
- New boiler for Birch Hill leased area has been installed

The following ongoing projects were NOTED:

- Pump Track Consultation - held at the skate competition where lots of the youth and residents were engaged, to be continued online
- Work is underway on a five-year plan for play area refurbishment

ES22/24 BIODIVERSITY AUDIT

Two quotes have been received for biodiversity audits. One for 4 sites Braybrooke, Mill Park, Jocks Lane and Great Hollands and one for Mill Park. It was proposed by Councillor Helen Purnell that a request is taken to the Strategy and Finance Committee for a biodiversity audit to be approved at the four sites as it is better value for money. This was seconded by Councillor Gerry Webb APPROVED

ES23/24 CHARITY FUN DAY REQUEST

Councillors reviewed the request from People Help the People on Facebook for a charity fun day. As the organisation is not yet a registered charity, the Town Clerk recommends that we offer them hall hire for a fundraising event rather than a fun day on the field. The group will be offered a stall at the Summer of Fun events to help them advertise their important work and are encouraged to submit a fun day request when they are registered as a charity.

ES24/24 TODDLER FUNFAIR REQUEST

Councillors discussed the request for a toddler funfair at Jocks Lane from the end of July to the beginning of September for the summer holidays. There were some concerns raised including:

- There is not enough parking at Jocks Lane for a long-term event
- BTC provides activities and recreational facilities that are free or heavily subsidised for Bracknell residents and felt that as this is a paid funfair for a long

period, the funfair goes against the ethos of BTC and could put financial pressure on visitors

- Dog walkers and field users would have less space at a time when the green space is most used

It was proposed by Councillor Gerry Webb to reject the request. This was seconded by Councillor Helen Purnell APPROVED

ES25/24 COMMUNITY EVENTS WORKING GROUP

The completed events since the last meeting were NOTED:

- 12th April 2024 Skate Competition and Pump Track Consultation – The consultation was very successful and is now live online. This will be kept open for a couple of weeks before being closed.
 - The Town Clerk requested that £150,000 CIL funding instead of the £80,000 that has been approved to allow the whole area to be revamped and made accessible for all types of skaters and cyclists and skill levels is recommended to the Strategy and Finance Committee. It was also requested that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow a preferred provider to work on the Pump Track. This was proposed by Councillor Ryan Frost and seconded by Councillor Gerry Webb APPROVED
- 21st April 2024 Mayor's Marathon Day – Councillors congratulated Councillor Carter on his marathon run and fundraising efforts

The upcoming events we NOTED:

- 6th June 2024 80th Anniversary of D-Day – The Town Clerk will recommend Garth Hill College as a supporter of this event at the next meeting
- 8th & 9th June 2024 SHP Food Festival
- **22nd** June 2024 Community and Culture Event celebrating 75 years of Bracknell New Town
- 3rd July 2024 Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 29th June 2024 Armed Forces Day
- 20th 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

ES26/24 CARBON REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

The following updates on the Working Group were NOTED:

- The Carbon Reduction Plan was reviewed at the meeting
- A Youth Green Champion (Pandora) visited the Skate Park Competition to meet Jackie – BTC will provide a special sash
- AquAid Water Pump - The water used in the office is supplied by AquAid and with every 18.9L bottle of water ordered a donation is made to The Africa Trust

to help provide others with clean water. BTC has made been selected to have a branded elephant pump installed in an African village. This has been published on the website.

- Battery recycling - BTC has applied for a battery recycling box to be placed in the foyer at Brooke House, once this has been delivered we will advertise the box and if successful will order one each for the pavilion cafes.
- Officers will investigate vape recycling boxes for the foyer – *After Meeting Note: Vape recycling boxes must be purchased and the recycling collection of these is a paid service so not suitable for BTC at this time*

ES27/24 CIL

- The CIL report was NOTED
- Since the last report was reviewed, £109,000 in further CIL funds have been received
- As 250 additional houses are being built off South Road, it was requested that a climbing frame for older children be added to Great Hollands Rec from CIL funding
- Harmans Water play area needs more play equipment for older children to be added to the CIL wish list or the 5-year plan
- Bullbrook Drive play area needs more play equipment for older children to be added to the CIL wish list or the 5-year plan
- The Town Clerk will share the list of play equipment that is held by BTC with the committee
- Change the Lebanon Cedar tree request on the list to Indian Bean Trees at Braybrooke this year as a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Bracknell New Town, there is currently no importation of the cedar trees

ES28/24 WORK STARTED AND COMPLETED

The work started and completed by the Grounds Team was NOTED and the team were thanked for their ongoing work. Councillors asked for research to be done towards inoculations for the team.

Date of the next Meeting: 4th June 2024 7.30 pm Council Chamber Brooke House

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