



Bracknell Town Council

Environmental Services Committee Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Date	Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Time	19:30 - 20:30
Location	Council Chamber
Present	Councillors Simon Carter, Janet Cochrane, Caroline Egglestone, Ryan Frost, Kathleen Nugent, Mary Temperton, Jodie Watts, Gerry Webb, Imara Wright, Lucy Young
Apologies	Councillor Ellen MacHale, Jeffrey Gillbe
Virtual	Councillor Donna Sidebotham
Substitutes	Councillors Naheed Ejaz, Jenny Penfold
Co-Opted	Councillor Kandy Jefferies
Officers	Jackie Burgess, Rachel Gordge, Ian Evans

Minutes

ES34 / 23 ATTENDANCE

Sub – Naheed Ejaz for Jeffrey Gillbe

Sub – Jenny Penfold for Ellen Mac Hale

Virtual – Donna Sidebotham

Apologies – Ellen MacHale, Jeffrey Gillbe

It was proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton to co-opt Kandy Jefferies. This was seconded by Councillor Caroline Egglestone

ES35 / 23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

ES36 / 23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on the 6th of June 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Councillor Mary Temperton and seconded by Councillor Caroline Egglestone

APPROVED

ES37 / 23 MATTERS ARISING

ES1041 Thames Water Works - The works at Jocks Lane have been completed and the site is clear. TW re-seeded the grass area and Councillors requested that this be fenced off for the safety of dogs. Some tarmac was also replaced.

ES1038 Birch Hill Toilets - The work on the toilets was accepted and they have been transferred to the management of BTC – Councillors would like an opening ceremony to celebrate the opening of the accessible public toilet. APPROVED

ES28/23 Mill Park Access - Officers are waiting to arrange a meeting between BFC, BTC and McDonald's in October. Councillors Simon Carter and Kath Nugent will be included in this meeting. Councillor Nugent requested to see the refused planning application for an additional access road off of Mill Road before the meeting, the documents will be sent.

ES38 / 23 CLERK'S REPORT

To note the following updates from the Town Clerk:

- South Berkshire Hockey Club update – 12 months' notice has been received to terminate the lease between BTC and the Club. Discussions will be had regarding the sub-tenant taking over a new lease. Refurbishment works at the club are due to be done before the lease can be ended. The Committee was asked if they would be happy for the Clerk to work on terminating the lease early. Councillor Temperton proposed that as long as the works required have been done and paid for by the club, the lease can be ended at the time the works have been approved by the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Carter. Councillors would like a visit to the sub-tenant's operation before discussing any further lease queries.
- Pump Track update – The RFM has met with three companies and has been advised that Mill Park is the most suitable site for the pump track near the skate park. It was proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton that Officers should investigate Mill Park as a potential site. This was seconded by Councillor Jodie Watts APPROVED
- Jealotts Hill Landshare - Four Councillors attended the visit to the site early in the summer NOTED
- Infrared Heating Panels – The panels were deemed not suitable due to the age and design of the building Jocks Lane however work has commenced at Jocks Lane to install a new boiler and solar panels. The Clerk is working on a Decarbonisation Grant to help fund environmental improvements to be made at Braybrooke.
- BTC sites tour - Seven Councillors attended the tour of the BTC sites NOTED
- Officers and Councillors assisted with the Twinning visit last weekend – thanks to all Officers who helped with the events on the visit for the 50th anniversary, especially the Town Clerk during a challenging week

ES39 / 23 ONGOING PROJECTS

The following projects were NOTED:

- Cycle Hub at Great Hollands – The successful project is being held during school holidays at GH
- Hedgehog Corridor at Ringmead – This is ongoing to improve safety in travelling for hedgehogs
- Solar Panels – being installed at Jocks Lane and other sites being looked into for a grant
- Boiler Replacements – being installed at Jocks Lane and other sites being looked into for a grant

ES40 / 23 COMMUNITY EVENTS WORKING GROUP

The Working Group met in July and the following events have been completed or are being planned:

Completed:

- 21st June Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 5th July 75th Anniversary of NHS - flag hoisting

- 2nd August Summer of Fun GH
- 30th August Summer of Fun Braybrooke
- 1st September Merchant Navy Day - flag hoisting and crafts

The completed events were NOTED and Councillors congratulated all the staff that organised and helped at these events.

Upcoming Events:

- 29th September McMillan Coffee Morning GH café
- 1st October Silver Sunday - offers at both cafes
- 12th November Remembrance Parade and Church Service
- Multi-Cultural Event in Winter or Spring - Jocks Lane
- 6th June 2024 80 year anniversary of D-Day – working with BFC on this event
- 17th June 2024 75 year anniversary of Bracknell New Town – working with SHP on this event

The future events were NOTED

ES41 / 23 CARBON REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

The Working Group met in September and the following points were NOTED:

- To focus on reducing the energy figures consistently
- Creating a one-year plan to help with budgeting for 2024
- Creating a three-year plan to help future project budgeting
- Biodiversity Audit of BTC sites
- Energy reports will be commissioned to assist with grant applications
- An additional meeting will be booked for December 2023 and then four meetings will be scheduled in 2024-25

ES42 / 23 SOUTH HILL PARK EVENT

SHP has requested permission to use North Lake for parking on the date of their food festival in June 2024. The criteria for parking at the event are listed below:

- SHP to ask if a bus service to cover this event to reduce parking could be put in place.
- Parking marshals would be required – SHP could approach the local cadet groups or local sixth forms as it would meet the criteria for Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- SHP has offered to make the food festival in June 2024 a joint event with BTC to also celebrate the 75th anniversary of Bracknell becoming a New Town. This would be branded as the SHP Food and Music Festival Commemorating 75 years of Bracknell becoming a New Town. Town Clerk to arrange a meeting with SHP to discuss the BTC contribution and ideas for camping etc. Invite Councillor Bidwell as the SHP liaison and then see which other Councillors are available.

ES43 / 23 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Mary Temperton proposed that BTC accept the charge of £2236 for the Public Rights of Way in Bracknell Town areas. This was seconded by Councillor Gerry Webb APPROVED

ES44 / 23 CROSS COUNTRY RUN REQUEST

It was proposed by Councillor Mary Temperton that the cross-country event run by Wooden Hill Primary School be approved (as long as the ground is not too wet) to encourage the school children to be more active on the proviso that more parking marshals are provided and the running route is pre-agreed with the Town Clerk. This was seconded by Councillor Caroline Egglestone APPROVED Councillor Simon Carter would like to attend as Bracknell Town Mayor

ES45 / 23 CIRCUS FANTASIA REQUEST

A request received from Circus Fantasia to use North Lake for one week in June 2024 was discussed. Councillors decided that the disruption to the residents would be high in the summer of 2024 with the funfair and SHP events. Great Hollands Rec, Braybrooke would be good alternatives as there are additional fields for parking. The Town Clerk is to assess other sites to see if they are suitable for the vehicles.

ES46 / 23 FUNFAIRS 2024

The location of the funfairs was discussed following residential complaints from the same road of houses this year. Councillors proposed to move the fair to the original position further towards the back centre of the green space.

Councillors recommended a 'Green' section be added to the contracts stating that single-use plastic is reduced by the food vendors.

ES47 / 23 CIL

The CIL report was NOTED. Councillors were asked to send ideas to the Town Clerk

ES48 / 23 WORK START AND COMPLETED

The work started and completed by the Grounds Team was NOTED

Date of the next Meeting: 23rd of January 2023 7.30pm Council Chamber Brooke House

Sign:

Date: