

5AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2007 at 7 pm

Present: Councillors K D Bonner-Dunham (Chairman), K Dixon, W B Stimpson
J R Hawkins, P Joyce, P H Stocker and P M Titchener

Apologies: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)
Councillors C O Cartmell and G Rhys

In attendance: Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden, D Dunham, T D Hayward
and D Shaw

276. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stimpson declared a non pecuniary interest in item b) of the Officers Report relating to licensing and Councillor Bonner-Dunham in the item relating to Brackley Community Association.

277. HIGHWAYS GRASS MOWING 2008

Members were advised that County Council had requested that the Section 138 agreement be signed by the Town Council to undertake the grass mowing in 2008. A payment of £1,847 would be made for this. It was

RESOLVED:

That the Agreement be signed for a payment of
£1,847.00 for the 2008 mowing season.

278. PREMISES LICENCE

Applications for licences had been received from Martin McColl Ltd to sell alcohol for consumption off premises, trading from 6 am to 8 pm seven days a week. Also from the Courtyard Coffee House for the consumption of alcohol on and off the premises, trading from 8 am to 11 pm seven days a week.

Councillor Billingham commented that Martin McColl Ltd did not remain open until 8 pm during the week and closed at lunchtimes on Sundays and wondered whether the application was a precursor to extending the opening hours. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That no objections be raised.

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279. BRACKLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A copy of a letter from the Brackley Community Association requesting a partnership with the Town Council to provide a skatepark for Brackley was attached to the Report. Councillor Bonner-Dunham expanded on the reasons for this partnership and said that the Association hoped to be able to raise the funds for the provision of the equipment but the Town Council may be able to help with the acquisition of some land. The area at the bottom of Pavillons Way was mentioned. Councillor Titchener said that if there was suitable land he felt the Council should assist if possible. Councillor Dunham said he felt the Town Council should give its support and the finer details could be decided at a later stage.

The Town Clerk advised that the possible installation of new play equipment in the Park was not progressing well and the area at the bottom of Pavillons Way may need to be used for this.

Councillor Stocker commented that discussions had taken place over many years regarding a skatepark and he asked if the Community Association was aware of the aggravation associated with this. He said mention had been made about a possible area for a skatepark on the piece of land set aside for a new Fire Station and he asked if this was still a possibility. Councillor Billingham questioned whether acoustic tests should be undertaken on any possible site. Councillor Bonner-Dunham said this would be done.

Councillor Dixon suggested that as Councillor Bonner-Dunham was a member of the Community Association she be the liaison person between the group and the Town Council. Councillor Stimpson seconded this and said he was in favour of any new initiative which would benefit the youth of the Town.

After much discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town Council form a partnership with the Brackley Community Association.
- 2) That Councillor Bonner-Dunham be the liaison person between the Town Council and the Association

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280. TOWN TALK

Members were asked for contributions to the next issue of Town Talk due out on 1st January 2008. Councillors Stimpson, Dunham, Hawkins, Joyce, Blunden and Shaw agreed to provide articles for this edition

281. INFORMATION REPORT

The following publications were available to Members:

- a) Village Viewpoint
- b) My County Council – I'm in Control
- c) The Pocketeer

282. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from this Meeting during the discussion on matters relating to grass cutting, haulage equipment and land purchase as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

283. GRASS CUTTING

Reference Minute 242/07, Members were advised that because of Standing Order rules, it has been necessary to resubmit the tender and a legal notice had been placed in the Brackley & Towcester Advertiser.

Councillor Billingham suggested that the Finance & Policy Committee be asked to review this Standing Order as it may not always be possible to obtain the required number of tenders.

It was agreed that the Town Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of this Committee and the Town Clerk be authorised to open tenders and decide on the contractor to be appointed for the grass cutting for 2008. It was

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283. GRASS CUTTING 2008 Cont'd...

RESOLVED:

That the Town Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of this Committee and the Town Clerk be authorised to appoint the appropriate contractor for the grass cutting 2008.

284. SALE OF HAULAGE EQUIPMENT

Members consent was requested to sell the Sabo Roberine mower as this piece of equipment had not been used for some considerable time. It was

RESOLVED:

That consent be granted.

285. LAND AT BURWELL HILL

This item was not discussed as the situation had changed since the Report had been circulated.

Meeting closed at 7.28 pm

Chairman