

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES & GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL,
TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2007 at 7 pm

Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield),
K D Bonner-Dunham, C O Cartmell, K Dixon P Joyce and W B Stimpson

Apologies: Councillors P H Stocker (work commitments) and P M Titchener (other
commitment)

In Attendance: Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden and D Dunham

34. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Bonner-Dunham was proposed by Councillor Stimpson and seconded by
Councillor Joyce. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Bonner-Dunham be elected Chairman of this
Committee for the ensuing year.

35. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Stimpson was proposed by Councillor Joyce and seconded by Councillor
Cartmell. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Stimpson be elected Vice Chairman of this
Committee for the ensuing year.

36. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

37. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES

Members were asked to consider re-appointing or changing the following working
parties:

Christmas Lights Working party

Councillors Bonner-Dunham, Joyce, and Town Clerk

Play Area Working Party

Councillors Bonner-Dunham, Broomfield, Hayward, Joyce, Stimpson and Town Clerk

Heritage Working Party

Councillors Blunden, Bonner-Dunham, Titchener and Town Clerk.

37. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES Cont'd...

Heritage Working Party Cont'd...

Members agreed to defer the appointment of another Member until after the co-option to replace the two vacancies on the Council.

38. HERITAGE WORKING PARTY

Members were advised that Mr Russell of Roger Coy Associates would be at the next meeting of this working party. The plans for his recommendations had been received and were in the office for inspection. It was

RESOLVED:

A date for the meeting would be advised.

39. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Members were asked to consider re-appointing or changing the Member sitting on the St James Lake Committee, the present one being Councillor Joyce, who indicated his willingness to continue. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Joyce be re-appointed to the St James Lake Committee.

40. OVERGROWN HEDGE AT LINEAR PARK

Further to Minute 404/05 regarding a consultation with residents about the old field hedge running from Halse Road to Swift Way, this has not taken place and contact has been made with the office recently to request action. The Rugby Club has also expressed concern about public safety as the vision for vehicles at Nightingale Close is compromised. A suggestion was made that the hedge should be laid in the traditional manner as undertaken at Swift Way/Pether Avenue.

Councillor Cartmell agreed that the hedge required attention but said that it need not be all done at once. It was agreed a specialist contractor be asked to produce a programme of works report so that quotations could be sought. It was

RESOLVED:

That a report be obtained from a specialist company.

41. HAULAGE EQUIPMENT

Members were asked to consider the purchase of a PTO Chipper, as previously Mr Sharp had used his own equipment or one had been hired. Details of two machines were outlined in the Report together with the cost of hiring a machine.

Councillor Cartmell questioned whether the Town Council needed to purchase a machine. He asked how many times a chipper was hired as he felt that a substantial number of hirings would be needed to warrant such a purchase. He advised that a PTO chipper could only be used on the back of the tractor and also that space was at a premium in the Unit. He suggested that the situation be monitored for a year and further consideration given after that time. The Town Mayor also said that a number of hirings could be done for the price of a new chipper and that hiring saved the cost of maintenance. He suggested that Mr Sharp be asked if he would be prepared to hire his chipper to the Town Council. The Town Clerk agreed to ask Mr Sharp.

After much discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That Mr Sharp be asked if he would be prepared to hire his machine to the Town Council at £125 per day.

42. COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

It was suggested that Councillors Surgeries be resumed in June and Members were asked to advise the office which dates were convenient. Councillor Bonner-Dunham asked for a list of the dates concerned and it was

RESOLVED:

That a list of dates be emailed to each Member.

43. INFORMATION REPORT

There was no Information Report.

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44. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from this Meeting during discussion on matters relating to Christmas Lights the Designated Premises Supervisor and the Play Area Working Party as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

45. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2007

Information resulting from meetings of the Working party was contained in the Report for Members information and approval was sought for the recommendations. It was

RESOLVED:

That the Working Party recommendations be approved.

46. DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR

Members were advised that the position of Designated Premises Supervisor was now due for renewal. Information was given to Members of the past year's performance by the current holder. Discussion ensued on the duration of the post

RESOLVED:

That Mr Wiles be offered the post of Designated Premises Supervisor for 2007/08 with the option of 2008/09 (subject to the Council's satisfaction)

That the duration of the post be at the discretion of the Town Council.

That the other interested party be advised of the Council's decisions.

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47. PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

(a) Brackley Park Play Equipment

Minutes from the meeting of the Play Area working party were attached to the Report. This detailed quotations from three companies. Councillor Bonner-Dunham said that the company chosen by the working party had been unanimous. The Town Mayor suggested that the Town Clerk negotiate with the chosen company for its best possible price or an additional piece of equipment. The Town Clerk said she would liaise with the Chairman at all times.

It was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE;

That the scheme by Sutcliffe Play (Playground Services) be the chosen design.

That negotiations take place with Sutcliffe Play for a best price or an additional piece of equipment.

That the Town Clerk liaise with the Chairman at all times.

b) Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOS)

Members were advised that no further information had been forthcoming from Justin Brown or Peter Kay. Members suggested that this matter be progressed and that any correspondence be copied to Superintendent Phillips, Justin Brown and Peter Kay.

c) Signage for Brackley Park

Members agreement was sought for a large notice displaying the above Order and a no entry Dusk to Dawn notice with a Reward notice for criminal damage to the area. It was agreed that a design of these notices be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

d) Possible Skatepark Location

Members were advised of the identified location for a skatepark and suitable companies and design are to be sourced. Because of investigative work concerning gas and electricity it was unlikely that the skatepark would be installed this year. Councillor Blunden asked that consultation take place with nearby residents.

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48. YOUTH SHELTER – OFF SPRINGFIELD WAY

Councillor Bonner-Dunham advised that there were no litter bins near the shelter and said that there was a considerable amount of rubbish around the area.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Chairman