

## **BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Brackley Town Council, held on **Monday 5 July 2021** at Egerton Hall. Meeting at 7.05pm.

Present: Mayor – Cllr Thompson  
Cllrs Bagot-Webb, Barrie, Butler, Cartmell, Judd, Kew, Langford, Sharps, Tiller, Weaver, E Wiltshire, P Wiltshire and Young.

Officers: Town Clerk (A Moses), Deputy Town Clerk (K Hale) and Operations Manager (M Stopps)

### **101/21 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Baker, Langford and Nash

### **102/21 Town Mayor's announcements**

Blake Stimpson has a date for his presentation of his BEM

12 June Opened the virtual carnival

18 June Mayor was the first person to play live music on Brackley Community Radio

21 June Attended the raise the flag day at The Mound in Towcester in honour of the Armed Forces Day

22 June Opened The Venue which is the new club building at Brackley Football Club

### **103/21 Public participation**

Resident of Brackley

Agenda items 105 and 106 - the BTC minutes are brief and do not give a lot of information

Agenda item 110 – bandstand at Brackley Town Park. There has been support from some residents in Brackley in all age groups.

Agenda item 111 – Greenway cycle path between Helmdon and Brackley. Resident would support this.

### **104/21 Declarations of interest**

Agenda item 111/21 – Cllr P Wiltshire

Agenda item 110/21 – Cllr D Thompson

### **105/21 Approval of minutes**

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** to:

receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of Council on Monday 7 June 2021

### **106/21 Committee minutes**

On the proposition of Cllr P Wiltshire, it was **RESOLVED** to:

receive the following approved Committee minutes:

Planning & General Works 17 May 2021 and 7 June 2021

Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes 17 May 2021

**107/21 Questions for chairmen relating to received minutes**

None.

**108/21 Unitary Council representative**

Report attached

**109/21 SNYE update – Cllr Sharps**

Cllr Sharps gave members a verbal update to members of the activities of SNYE in Brackley.

Youth clubs will be starting shortly. At Brackley Football Club for 11-14 year olds and a younger youth club at Southfield School for 7-10 year olds

Mobile skate ramp will be here within the next 6 week and it is proposed to run a bi-weekly project.

Planned activity day on 26 October – fun and activities for all ages.

If councillors have any questions or are able to volunteer time, please ask Cllr Sharps. A report will be circulated to councillors.

**110/21 Agenda Request – Bandstand, Cllr Thompson**

On the proposition of Cllr Thompson it was **RESOLVED** to:

Investigate the possibility of erecting a bandstand via a Task and Finish Group with Cllrs Butler, Barrie, Cartmell, Tiller, Young and Sharps. The project will go out for community engagement.

**111/21 Helmdon/Brackley Greenway**

Members discussed the correspondence attached to the agenda and on the proposition of Cllr Cartmell it was **RESOLVED** to;

Offer our support on this project.

**112/21 Community Engagement – Biodiversity**

On the proposition of Cllr E Wiltshire, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Engage and encourage schools and local groups to harvest seeds to produce and grow on trees to be planted.

**113/21 Town Hall repairs**

On the proposition of Cllr Barrie, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Move the water heater for the Town Hall Kitchen to a position where it can be maintained and replaced easily if required and to Fit a remote control GSM based system to control the heating system.

**114/21 Egerton Public Art**

An incident has been reported regarding the metal structure outside of Egerton Hall.

Members noted the report.

**115/21 Task & Finish Group – The Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Five members for a Task and Finish group to work with the community to come up with a schedule of events for the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend in June 2022.

The group will include non-Council members and it is hoped to encourage members from local organisations to take part in planning a variety of events the town can enjoy over the weekend.

The five members are – Cllrs Tiller, Sharps, E Wiltshire, Barrie, Kew

**116/21 Matters for discussion or information**

A mailing list for a residents' newsletter is being compiled  
Request has been received to run free classes for IT security and is there a possibility that BTC would offer low cost or for free – an agenda request will be submitted to the Finance and Policy  
Poppyfields Way – diversion in place for goods vehicles that will be removing the soil from the balance ponds.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:

Dated:

**District Councillor Report to Brackley Town Council****Full Council Meeting – July 5 2021**

New Unitary Council now starting to find its feet following the official vesting in May 2021. New committees are now in operation and a number of first meetings taken place and I have attended those I am a member of including WNC – S Planning and Place Highways Audit.

**First Place Highways Audit meeting took place on Tuesday 15 June 2021 with big ticket items being: -**

1. New maintenance contract for WNC Highways including efficiencies to be effective during mid 2022.
2. WNC Bypasses.
  - a. Northampton Western Bypass. – Challenging Budget
  - b. Towcester Relief Road. – Challenging Project.
  - c. Farthinghoe Bypass - Challenging Timeframe.

I also had a meeting with Phil Larrett (Portfolio Holder for Highways and Waste disposal together with Fiona Unett and Nick Henshaw of WNC Highways who joined me in Brackley to view some of our key challenges with Highways and related. They viewed first hand:-

1. Poor state of repair of the new Wellington Road roundabout – needs warranty review.
2. Lack of grassing on same roundabout – now cut.
3. Northampton road / Sainsbury's access steps – work now starting this week.
4. Radstone Road/Northampton Road pedestrian crossing and missing pavements. This is subject to a S278 agreement which still needs signing – but design is complete.
5. Pedestrian Crossing Halse Road North – missing white lines and overgrown bushes shielding belisha beacons. – Work programmed to rectify.
6. Lack of permanent parking restrictions outside the Crown Hotel – these are being installed as soon as an emergency order is approved.
7. Dangerous Parking on Churchill Way at junction of Bridge street. An order to extend the double yellow lines has been requested in the 2021 review.
8. Hedge cutting and review of road surface in Market Place and High street under consideration.

**WNC – S Planning committee met for first meeting on 3 June.**

Members have been advised of new policies – summarised points include:-

1. July meeting has been cancelled for South, Daventry and NBC due to lack of business.
2. Most applications are now to be delegated to Officers unless called in by local members due to conflict with current policy. This includes applications for up to 200 houses and or Small to medium sized industrial units.
3. Anything larger will be allocated to the Strategic planning committee held at WNC level but there is no specific representative to cover large Towns. Again all delegated to Officers unless called in by members.
4. WNC – South (SNC Past members) are challenging these new policies and meeting Officers this coming Thursday.

**Radstone Fields School – Playing fields.**

After considerable delays Barratt Homes asked Cllr Fiona Baker and myself to intervene and engage with LGSS to break loose the process of handing over the new Playing Fields from Barratt's to West Northants Education Authority. This was finally actioned with legal transfer completion being achieved this past Friday. A further agreement is now being prepared in order for Radstone Fields Primary school to lease them from WNC. This further action is required due to the schools Academy status. I have requested some Action and Urgency to be forthcoming on this activity.

Cllr. Bagot-Webb – 5 July 2021

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