

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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To: Cllrs Baker, Barrie, Cartmell, Gladwin, Judd, Kew, Langford, Sharps, Tiller, E Wiltshire, P Wiltshire, Young.

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** to be held on **Monday 26 September 2022**, following Planning & General Works Committee at Brackley Town Hall, Market Place, Brackley, NN13 7AB.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors at the start of the

21 September 2022



Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA

Members of the press and public are invited to attend

193/22 Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive and approve apologies.

194/22 Declaration of interest

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and Brackley Town Council's Code of Conduct.

195/22 Public participation

This section of the meeting gives members of the public who are present an opportunity to speak. You may speak on any item which appears on the agenda for this evening's meeting. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the Chairman of the meeting.

196/22 Approval of minutes

Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 25 July 2022.

197/22 Christmas Lights – for information only

We are investigating ways to shorten the times that our lights are switched on using timers if at all possible. We are also looking at switching the lights off earlier than usual.

198/22 Jubilee Booklet

The production of an 18 page, photographic Jubilee booklet was agreed at the Jubilee Working Party and the proof has been received. However, in light of the sad passing of HM The Queen, members' instruction is requested.

Recommendation: To not print the booklet for distribution to all residents but upload it onto our website.

199/22 Jenny's Pond – report attached

Members are asked to consider the removal of the picnic bench from Jenny's Pond.

Recommendation: To remove the picnic bench from Jenny's Pond and install it in the picnic area of Brackley Town Park.

200/22 Matters for Information

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Minutes of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** held on **Monday 25 July 2022**, following Planning & General Works Committee at Brackley Town Hall, Market Place, Brackley, NN13 7AB.

Present: Cllrs Baker, Kew, Sharps, P Wiltshire, E Wiltshire and Young.

Officers: Town Clerk

135/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Barrie, Cllr Cartmell and Cllr Langford - approved.

Absent without apologies – Cllr Tiller and Cllr Judd

136/22 Declaration of interest

None

137/22 Public participation

Cllr Bagot-Webb informed the Committee that he had received complaints about dog waste being left on the pavement on Turweston Road, it appears that dog owners are throwing their dog poo bags into the hedge. A resident of Turweston Road had recently had a hedge cut back and the contractor removed 80 full bags from the area.

Christmas Tree wall brackets – Youngs is asking for a bracket as they currently don't have anything, could Brackley Town Council please consider installing a bracket there.

138/22 Approval of minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 20 June 2022.

139/22 Christmas tree additions

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

Consult all High Street businesses who currently do not have a wall bracket to see if they would be interested in joining the scheme at their cost. This would involve the following costs being borne by the business.

Item	Cost
Bracket Cost	22.50 each unit
Tree and lights	64.50 each unit
Total	87.00

If there is enough interest the cost of installation of £2300 would be divided by those signing up.

140/22 Matters for Information

Dog waste – could this come to the next agenda for a possible solution.

An article regarding dog waste be placed in the next Town Talk

141/22 Exclusion of press and public

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps it was **RESOLVED** that:

in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

142/22 Commercial Let – Old Fire Station Café – attached

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the situation of the Old Fire Station Café. The Tenant has now vacated the café and we are in the process of engaging a new tenant to continue the location as a café. Currently due diligence is being carried out by Brown & Co on a proposal received by the Clerk.

143/22 Land issues – update for information - attached

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the current situation and timescales.

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

Return to open meeting.

Meeting Closed: 20:12

Dated:

Signed:

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee
Monday 26 September 2022**

Purpose of report: To consider the removal of the picnic bench at Jenny's pond

Recommendation: Remove the picnic bench from Jenny's Pond and install it in the picnic area of the Town Park

Main issues and considerations:

This matter was considered some time ago and at that time it was decided not to remove the bench and monitor the situation. Given this is still raising concerns, it has been brought back to members for consideration.

During the past few months we have had reports from residents of late-night gatherings and anti-social behaviour at Jenny's pond. As well as this, the grounds team have noted a large amount of litter constantly being left.

The volunteers from the Wildlife trust who look after the area are concerned the area is being damaged by the current usage and it is felt that removal of the bench will discourage groups congregating in the area.

Financial implications:

Staff time to remove and reinstall the bench

Staffing implications:

½ day's work to remove and reinstall

Other implications:

Impact on wildlife and Bio diversity

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