



BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY 29th April 2019 at 7.30 pm

1. Welcome by Town Mayor (Councillor Mark Morrell)
The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies
Cllr Richard Butler
3. Minutes of 26th March 2018
Approved by Cllr P Wiltshire, seconded by Cllr B Tiller
4. Matters arising from the minutes
For clarity, Jan Dean and Cllr Sharps have not set up a Brackley Youth Action Group. A group has now been formed, including councillors who are working together for the benefit of young people of Brackley and Towcester, working with Town and District Councils.
Defibrilators there are now 7 installed throughout the town.
5. Presentation of Community Grant cheques from the Town Council
6. Questions from The Public

Q 1	Resident of Octavian Way – Is it possible to set the date of the Annual Town Meeting to take place on a certain Monday for example each year.
A 1	This meeting must take place between 1 st March and 1 June. It would be difficult to set the date to say the 1 st Monday of a month due to fluctuations in annual bank holidays such as Easter.
Q 2	Resident of Easthill Close – Are there any plans in place to increase facilities for older/teenage children in terms of outside play equipment such as table tennis tables, goal posts etc. from S106 funding.
A 2	Cllr Baker – Agreed that council should look at this further. S106 funding is decided at initial discussions between District Council and developers. Council is negotiating to enable a Skate Park to be built in the very near future.
Q 3	Resident of Easthill Close – What plans are in the pipeline for a leisure area near Brackley Fields, Halse Road.
A 3	The Local Plan Part II includes a Leisure/sports hub. This has not yet been finalised and may take up to 15 years to come to fruition. There are MUGA's (Multi Use Games Area) at Leisure Centre Field,



	<p>Humphries Drive (zip wire) and Poppyfields Way. In the future, facilities at the Radstone School will also be available for use by the public.</p> <p>Cllr Tiller – Brackley is currently lacking a youth club, for all ages. There are plans to pilot such a club for 6 months later in the year. Sessions will be available for all age groups.</p>
Q 4	Resident of Prices Way – Please explain why a number of plum trees have been felled/reduced at the lower end of western edge of the town (parallel to Humphries Drive).
A 4	BTC Groundsman – A number of cherry and plum trees were either reduced or felled as a result of the most recent tree survey undertaken on behalf of the council. Some of the trees were overhanging into residential gardens, due to having been planted too close to properties.
Q 5	Resident of Easthill Close – Regarding improvement works on open spaces and parks. Both Brackley Wildlife Trust and Green Wheel Project would like to liaise with Brackley Town Council more for the future of these spaces.
A 5	Thank you, council will continue to do so.
Q 6	Resident of Humphries Drive – When is the new hotel/pub to open on Northampton Road.
A 6	Cllr Bagot-Webb – latest information suggests prior to British GP at Silverstone in July.
Q 7	Ms Stubbs – With new housing planned for East/West corridor, would it be possible for a public consultation as to how future S106 money could be spent in terms of facilities/infrastructure.
A 7	<p>All S106 funding is negotiated to essentially benefit residents of properties being built. Initial discussions take place between district and developers. The town council are then asked for comment.</p> <p>It should be remembered that all Council Meetings are open to all residents of Brackley to attend, and it is possible to comment at that point.</p>
Q8	Resident of Octavian Way – Is it possible to lobby Stagecoach relating to lack of publicity for their services to Milton Keynes etc. There are times when only 1 person is travelling on the vehicle.
A8	<p>Cllr Sharps – All bus timetables are available at both the Library and Town Council Office, also available form Stagecoach website.</p> <p>Young person – The bus is used by approximately 30/40 young people who rely on the service to travel to and from Northampton for college. I fact, the service has been reduced since I started college which means my parents have to collect me from Towcester on a regular basis when the service terminates there without onward service to Brackley. If the bus was stopped, I would not be able to continue. As it is, it take over three hours to reach my college.</p>

Meeting closed 20.30