

# BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL



You are hereby notified that there  
will be an Environment & Green Spaces  
Committee meeting of  
Bradford on Avon Town Council  
at St Margaret's Hall  
On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
at 7.00pm

A small, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Bartlett'.

Sandra Bartlett  
Town Clerk

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Documents referred to in the agenda are available at the Town Council offices unless confidential.

*PUBLIC PARTICIPATION* If you would like to take advantage of a 2 minute per person time slot to address the council or committee, please contact the office or attend the meeting 5 minutes prior to the commencement and advise the clerk that you wish to speak.

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**BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the

**ENVIRONMENT & GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

to be held,

on

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

at

St Margaret's Hall

**AGENDA**

15<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Sandra Bartlett  
Town Clerk

**1 QUESTION TIME OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS (Not to exceed 30 minutes).**

*The public are welcome to ask questions on matters that are on the agenda and other matters at the Chairman's discretion. The question should not be a statement and limited to no more than 2 minutes. The Chairman will call the question from those who are indicating that they wish to speak. A record of any public participation session shall not be included in the minutes but included as an appendix note to the Minutes of the meeting and will be made public via our website and held in archive.*

**2 Apologies**

To accept any apologies

**3 Minutes**

To approve the minutes of meeting for the Environment & Planning Committee meeting on 16th June 2021.

**4 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Chairman to accept nominations for Vice-Chairman for this new committee.

**5 Electric Vehicle**

Officers to Update

**6 EV Points**

Officers to update

**7 Living Greenwall**

Officers to update

**8 Green Spaces**

Officers to update

**9 Tennis Courts investment**

Director of Operations to update (report attached)

**10 Terracycling**

Officers to update

11 Borehole  
Officers to update.

12 Site Management Plan on Eco-Sulis  
Officers to report

13 Lighting Strategy  
Officers to report

14 Correspondence to note  
Notification of Wiltshire Council tree works

15 Date of next meeting

# Bradford on Avon Town Council

## Environment and Green Spaces

20<sup>th</sup> July 2021



### Tennis Courts

#### Purpose of Report

To seek members approval to work with the Lawn Tennis Association on

#### Background

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has audited all Local Authority in the South West and is now engaging with individual authorities to discuss the future of tennis facilities in parks. The Town Council has been approached by James Deem [Regional Lead for Parks and Local Authorities] who is also working with Wiltshire Council to understand the current landscape of tennis facilities in the county.

The Town Council, own three tennis courts in Culver Close which are currently operated as a turn up and play, with no booking or charge. Therefore, there is no surety of use of a court and turnover is not controlled. There is a number of coaching sessions undertaken, but again unregulated. It is, therefore, other than anecdotal, difficult to quantify the usage of the courts. The LTA research serves to provide an overall rationale that tennis in parks is very popular and has the potential to grow if the facilities are in good condition and easily booked.

There is no planned maintenance of the courts, the line painting is undertaken on an ad-hoc basis by a volunteer and generally in response to any complaints.

#### Survey

In early June, the LTA surveyed the courts and concluded that the courts need some immediate intervention, to help maintain them, to re-bind the layers and re-paint the courts, an initial budget of C. £7k would be required.

Following this intervention, the surfaces should last for a further 5/6 years. It would then need resurfacing the current budget estimate is £35k.

The LTA, unfortunately, is not giving out capital grants for resurfacing of courts but do have other options. They are offering to work with the Council to prepare a smaller capital bid to upgrade the entry systems, linking to an electronic booking system. The booking system is an LTA system that would incur ongoing revenue costs, along with the maintenance of the gates, these are estimated at C. £1.1k.

The Council currently don't manage the tennis courts as a facility and have no funding set aside for the future resurfacing. The booking system would allow the Council to monitor the use of the courts and make it easier for the general public to book the courts.

The booking system would also allow the Council to make a small charge for the use of the courts. This in turn would cover the annual running costs and allow for the creation of an earmarked reserve to cover the cost of resurfacing, along with other maintenance, making the courts financially sustainable.

This approach has been undertaken by Trowbridge Town council, Weston Super Mare, Cirencester and BANES.

### **Considerations**

There are several options which the Council could consider.

- i) Do nothing – The Council could continue as is and deal with the ad-hoc repairs and hope the surface lasts as long as possible.
- ii) Work with the LTA – undertake the re-binding and painting, install the new infrastructure, and introduce the booking system.
- iii) Work with the LTA – undertake the re-binding and painting, install the new infrastructure, and introduce the booking system, and introduce charging.

If the Council decided to do nothing, it could find itself in the position having to close the courts without the funds to undertake the resurfacing. Without the booking system the Council would find it difficult to justify the cost of resurfacing without the understanding of the use/value of the courts to the public.

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Town Council.

- 1) Work with the LTA – undertake the re-binding and painting, install the new infrastructure, and introduce the booking system, and introduce charging.

Director of Operations  
8th July 2021