

Appendix April 2019 Full Council meeting

1819/273 Lidl

Concerns have been raised about the town centre and access to Myrtle Park and Bingley Pool:

There seems to be no SAFE way for pedestrians or users of wheelchairs / mobility scooters to access Myrtle Park from Bingley Town centre (and vice-versa). Furthermore, there seems to be no SAFE way for local primary school children to walk between their schools and the baths via the park. (The latter has become a regular occurrence in recent years.) >From an intelligent lay-person's perspective, there appear to be three problems with the current arrangements:

1) There is no dropped kerb and central reservation aligned to - and in a direct line from - the park entrance.

2) There is no pavement on the swimming baths side of Myrtle Grove.

3) There is no pavement (with safety barrier) immediately outside the park gateway.

I believe that the current arrangements will result in conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles on a daily basis. I also believe that these conflicts are likely to result in pedestrian injury. When considering this matter, please bear in mind that the park is extremely popular with young children and the elderly. Children are highly likely to run from the park into the road without looking (and without being visible to drivers due to the obstructed views). The elderly often have poor eyesight, poor hearing and / or slow reflexes and some use small mobility scooters that are not road legal. Earlier today, I timed myself crossing this road at a steady pace and it took me 14 seconds to cover the distance from the existing dropped kerb to the park gate - and there is no protected refuge half-way across. I am fit and able bodied, so I could have done it more quickly. However, a significant number of people will need a lot longer than 14 seconds to cross this road safely and without stress. As any new pedestrian arrangements ought to be in place before the new Lidl store opens for business, I'd be grateful if you would look into this as a matter of urgency.

.1819/276 Commercial vans

The proposal is that BTC writes to Bradford Council asking:

What action they are taking to address this trend across Bradford.

- How long a vehicle has to be left before it is deemed to be abandoned and removed?
- In relation to the van on Gilstead Lane - writing/ contacting the company concerned and asking for the van to be moved.
- Asking the Police whether there is any action they can take i.e. the van is partially blocking a gate to farmers land



1819/278 Insurance

The Finance and General Purposes committee reviewed the town council insurance at its April meeting. The town council has come to the end of its three-year contract with Aviva, obtained through the specialist local council insurance broker, Came and Co. The recommendation is to appoint Inspire on a further three-year contract for the fee this year of £1,924.84 Appointing for three years results in a reduction (the amount includes a 5% deduction for the three-year contract).

NB. At the time of writing there was an unresolved issue with the insurance relating to the public toilet building.

1819/281 Name plates

A quotation of up to £25 has been obtained from Fullstop Studio for up to 16 new name plates for councillors

1819/284 Finance

The salary invoice came too late last month to be included on the schedule of payments. This is a contractual payment and so the cheque was made up and signed by two signatories in the normal way. The invoice was for £12,109.44.

1819/285 Play in Park

The council agreed the scheme in principle at its September meeting.

Dates offered by Bradford Council are:

Friday 26.07.19

Friday 02.08.19

Saturday 03.08.19

Friday 09.08.19

Friday 16.08.19

Friday 23.08.19

The cost is £600 per event which will include:

2 x Bouncy Castles

Giant Games

Multi Sports

Den / Building

Arts & Crafts

Staff

Insurance

Vehicle hire

Generators

Fuel

Insurance

Risk assessments

DBS checked and first aid qualified staff.

It is recommended that the locations are the same as last year, Cottingley Park, Myrtle Park, Crossflatts Park, Eldwick Park and two new events, one at Gilstead Rec and a second event at Myrtle Park.