



Minutes – Public Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

Present: Cllrs Byfield (Chair), Arthur, Boston, Gaisford, Norrington, Rogers, Trevethan and White

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk) and Cllrs Bowers and Higgins

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

016/19/PS Apologies

Apologies had been received and were approved from Cllr Lawrence who had a work commitment.

017/19/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations had been granted.

018/19/PS Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 15th July were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

019/19/PS Action List

Updates to the Action List were noted.

020/19/PS Terms of Reference

Members considered the drafted Committee Terms of Reference and agreed these subject to an amendment to ensure that the Committee would work with other relevant committees as appropriate on certain cross-committee issues.

021/19/PS Approval of beach events

The following event was approved: Triathlon – 1st September

The following event was approved: World Belly Board Competition – 8th September. This was subject to ensuring organisers of this event and the Girls' Soccer event believed to be on the same day co-ordinated activities. *Post meeting note: the Girls' Soccer event had already been changed to 15th September to avoid a clash.*

022/19/PS Metal detecting on beach

Beach Officers had received a number of queries seeking permission to undertake metal detecting on the beach. The Chairman explained the current arrangements on different parts of the beach and it was agreed to establish a clear written policy. It was agreed to carry out further research and seek advice from Cornwall Council and the National Trust. **ACTION:** Check policies of other agencies on metal detecting and seek advice from Cornwall Council and the National Trust – Clerk

023/19/PS Communal barbecue

Members considered the suggestion that a communal barbecue could be installed on the Inner Green. A number of issues were raised regarding the practicalities of managing this facility and it was agreed to establish costings and then consider running a trial.

ACTION: Investigate costs of purchasing and installing communal barbecue – *Clerk*

024/19/PS Tree felling at Goonhavern Park

The Clerk reported that urgent safety works were required at Goonhavern Park to fell a long row of overgrown Leylandii trees as identified in the recent tree inspection report. This would be a major and expensive undertaking for which one quote had already been obtained. It was agreed to obtain 2 additional quotes and seek early agreement to proceed.

ACTION: Seek additional quotes for tree felling at Goonhavern Park - *Clerk*

025/19/PS Remedial work for Inner Green

Cllr Rogers reported that the working group had met and discussed a number of possible ideas for improving the Inner Green. These included establishing separate areas, excluding dogs and installing a band stand. Opportunities for working in partnership with the Gardens Charity had been initially explored but no agreement had been reached. It was agreed that any works would be significant and would have an impact on the office which did not currently have capacity to take this on so this project could not be prioritised at this time. Some further investigation however would be carried out and advice sought from a local person who had considerable experience working with beach gardens.

ACTION: Seek advice from local person with expertise in managing beach gardens – *Cllr Rogers*

026/19/PS Allotment Site

Cllr Rogers reported that there was no update on the quest to find a suitable allotment site.

027/19/PS Plans for Bolenna Park Play Area

Cllr Boston reported that the application had been submitted for planning permission and the planning officer had requested further information and clarification and that responses were being prepared.

028/19/PS Reinstatement of Tamblyn Way Steps

Cllr Rogers reported that he was exploring options for reinstating the steps at Tamblyn Way and was in discussion with structural engineers. The matter would be brought before members once costed options were available.

It was noted that the Harris fencing had now been removed.

029/19/PS Improvements to Droskyn

The Clerk explained that an audit of the benches at Droskyn had been carried out and further work was required to identify the families of those who had donated memorial benches. It was agreed that this matter should be considered fully at a future meeting to decide on arrangements for replacing benches and improving the area.

Two benches needed to be replaced at Goonhavern. The Clerk explained that it was quite costly for the Council to purchase and install new benches and this was the reason that memorial benches were favoured where possible with costs covered by families. An announcement would be made on social media to find out if any local residents would like to contribute to the donation of a bench at these locations.

ACTION: Publish an online request regarding memorial benches in Goonhavern.

030/19/PS Illegal encampment at Cligga

The Clerk reported that she had visited the site that day and that much of the rubbish had been cleared up. The working party appointed at the previous meeting had not yet visited the site together. It was agreed that the status quo could not continue as the people living on this site were trespassing on Parish Council land. Therefore a clear decision or arrangement was required. The working party would visit the site before the next committee meeting and present a recommendation.

ACTION: Visit illegal encampment and bring agreed recommendation to Committee: *Cllrs Boston, Lawrence and White*

031/19/PS Update on Oratory

Cllr White reported that St Piran’s Trust would give a presentation at the next Full Council meeting. It was agreed to request a brief written history in advance to inform members of the background to the works.

ACTION: Liaise with St Piran’s Trust regarding presentation and written information: *Cllr White*

032/19/PS Changes to Noticeboards and Signage

Members noted quotes provided for the replacement or refurbishment of the noticeboards and felt that this level of expenditure was too high considering that they had been installed fairly recently. It was agreed to prioritise only the most urgent works and to request revised costings accordingly.

ACTION: Obtain revised quotes for most urgent noticeboard works: *Cllr Norrington*

033/19/PS Items of correspondence

Members noted a planning application notice relating to proposed works at Sea View House, Ponsmere Road property on the Inner Green.

034/19/PS Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 16th September 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 hrs

Signed

Date: 16th September 2019