

Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 6pm on Monday 21st September 2020

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

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

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

013/20/PS Apologies

Cllr Gaisford and Trevethan had tendered their apologies due to personal commitments and the reasons were accepted by members.

014/20/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

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

015/20/PS Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 17th February were approved as a true and accurate record subject to a minor grammatical correction under 007/20/PS.

016/20/PS Action List

Updates to the Action List were noted. The Event Policy would be circulated again for members to comment.

017/20/PS Update on Skate Park

A recent meeting had been held with the Planning Officer, attended by Cllrs Byfield and Gaisford, the Clerk and Maverick. It had been decided that the bowl would be removed to alleviate concerns expressed by the Public Spaces Officer and Environment Officer. The Planning Officer had been very positive about the proposed changes and felt it would help improve the chances of receiving a swift decision. Amended designs would be submitted and a further period allowed for consultation before a determination. The working group had been in discussion with members of the Skate Collective who understood the strategy and need for change and were supportive of the plans.

018/20/PS Update on Bolenna Park

The new play equipment had been very well received by the community and heavily used. There had been a few problems with some bolts being removed from pieces of equipment, and Schoolscapes had been very responsive in rectifying quickly.

The Gardens Charities had agreed to purchase gym equipment but there was a slight shortfall against their budget and matting needed to be procured.

[Cllr Arthur left the meeting]

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would cover the shortfall to ensure that the full project was delivered.

019/20/PS Update on Inner Green Project

An interim schedule had been received for the works to the Inner Green. This would require further discussion and enhancement, detailed drawings and costings. A meeting of the working group would be convened before the item came to committee for approval. It was noted that there are established rights of way across the Inner Green for residents and this would be factored in.

020/20/PS Update on Goonhavern Park Pump Track

It was reported that the pump track was scheduled to be installed in Goonhavern Park in the second or third week in October.

021/20/PS Update on Tamblyn Way Steps Project

The last correspondence with Hydrock dated back to 28 February. Further site visits would be required and it was likely to cost £6-£10K to continue. It was AGREED to set up a working group to consider the options in more detail. This would comprise: Cllrs Boston, Gaisford, Lawrence and Rogers.

022/20/PS Update on Saints Trails

Works on the cycle path through Goonhavern Park were progressing well. The car park would then be resurfaced. The wall bordering the car park by the notice board was very overgrown and it was agreed that the Clerk would assess more closely with Cllrs Lawrence and Trevethan and discuss works with TMS to tidy up the area. People were also parking on the new cycle path and it was AGREED to report this again to CC Enforcement

ACTION: Report parking on cycle path to CC Enforcement - Clerk

023/20/PS Update on Covid measures in High Street

It was noted that the holiday season had been extended, the number of cases was rising and that other town centres were not yet making changes to their Covid measures. It was therefore AGREED to keep the high street cones in place until the end of October when the situation would be reviewed.

024/20/PS Update on Notice Boards

The large notice boards for the beach had already been manufactured. The content would need to be agreed and finalised before proceeding. This work could be undertaken by the Inner Green working group.

025/20/PS Street Furniture Repairs

Several parish council notice boards needed repair works. The appointment of a handyperson had not yet been agreed and it would be sensible for routine work to be carried out once this was decided. The Clerk reminded members that each memorial bench on the Inner Green had cost almost £1,000 and these costs had been covered by families. There was no budget set aside this year for the purchase of multiple new benches. The Admin Officer had carried out a full audit of the Droskyn benches to try to identify families and find out if there were records and agreements in place relating to maintenance. Further it was agreed that Droskyn should be considered carefully to see how this area can be developed sensitively. This might result in the removal/replacement of benches and installation of a memorial feature. In the meantime, arrangements would be made for any urgent repairs, and members were asked to send lists of broken items to the Admin Officer to compile.

026/20 /PS Items of correspondence

a. It was reported that an opportunity had arisen to apply to The Green Recovery Challenge Fund administered by the National Lottery for a grant to purchase the site at Penhale Camp. The future of the boundary had still not been decided by Cornwall Council's Community Governance Review process. It was AGREED to proceed with the application.
ACTION: Apply to Green Recovery Challenge Fund for a grant to purchase the land at Penhale Camp – Clerk, Cllr Norrington

[Cllr Boston left the meeting]

b. The Ecology Survey for the potential new allotment site had been received and indicated that further survey work was required. No further works to be carried out until terms received from Tregothnan.

027/20/PS Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 19th October 2020.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.25 hrs

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Signed	Date: 19th October 2020