



Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 7pm on Monday 21st December 2020

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

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

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

040/20/PS Apologies

No apologies had been received.

041/20/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

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

042/20/PS Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 19th October were received. It was noted that a more detailed discussion had taken place relating to the skate park and explanations provided regarded the reasons for the revised design. It was agreed for the Clerk to incorporate these details to reflect more fully the discussion. Subject to this amendment and circulation, the minutes of the meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

043/20/PS Committee Budget 2021-22

The Committee budget for the forthcoming year was discussed and the importance was noted of retaining ear-marked reserves for significant items such as whale disposal from the beach and cliff maintenance, and it was agreed to keep the beach officer provision the same as in previous years and to extend the security provision to start from Whitsun. This also highlighted items to add to the Action List: arranging a cliff inspection early 2021 and arranging for 3 security firms to quote for the security provision. Members discussed various items of the budget and made adjustments. It was AGREED to recommend the Committee budget to be incorporated in the Parish Council Budget for 2021-22.

Actions: Arrange cliff inspection, obtain quotes for security provision – Clerk

044/20/PS Bathing Water Quality 2020

Notification had been received from the Environment Agency explaining that insufficient testing had taken place due to Covid for the usual Seaside Awards to be issued this year. Members were concerned that adequate testing should take place due to the high number of bathers and surfers at Perranporth beach all year round. The Clerk would discuss with the Environment Agency.

Action: Discuss water monitoring with Environment Agency – Clerk

045/20/PS Consideration of Beach Event Proposal

A revised proposal had been received for a *withNature2020* event to be held in May 2021 which would comprise a socially distanced project creating a giant butterfly on the beach from clothing. Members considered any organised and unnecessary gathering to be an unacceptable Covid risk and agreed not to grant approval.

046/20/PS Consideration of Beach Cleans Proposal

A proposal had been received from the Perranporth Marine Conservation Group to carry out beach cleans on a Covid-safe basis. Members AGREED to the beach cleans subject to the usual risk assessments and stipulated that the group would need to make its own arrangements for disposing of the rubbish collected, possibly in liaison with the Watering Hole.

047/20/PS Recognition of Sundial artwork

Notification had been received of the acknowledgement of the Sundial artwork and artist by the national body, Art UK. The artwork can be accessed online: <https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/droskyn-sundial-286619>

048/20/PS Updates from Working Groups

Skate Park

The revised plans were now available on the Planning portal and many comments had been made on Facebook. Some members of the skate collective had been disappointed that it was not possible to deliver the original design including the bowl but it was acknowledged that it was necessary to make some compromises in order to secure the facility in the near future, and the community was generally in support of the scheme. Details on spend-to-date and anticipated expenditure for the project were provided verbally to members. The Gardens Charities had requested the return of £20K of funds offered due to the requirement for this to have been spent within 3 years. However confirmation had been received that the trustees were prepared to consider issuing a new grant once the project was proceedable and had indicated that they were likely to look favourably on a fresh application. A meeting had taken place with members of the Football Club and issues relating to access and netting provision were clarified. The Football Club expressed their support for the project and confirmed that they would not be objecting to the application.

Bolenna Park

The play and gym equipment were being well used. The car park had become extremely muddy and it was suggested that this be surfaced. The goal mouths were also constantly muddy and would remain so unless action were taken. Options included moving the goal posts, rotating the pitch 90 degrees and putting down sand and/or another surface. These options would be discussed with a local contractor and costed as well as costings obtained for the surfacing works to the muddy area under the zip wire.

Action: Obtain costings for surfacing works – Cllr Boston

Inner Green Project

A deed had been found relating to access covenants on the Inner Green, and any design would ensure these were not contravened. A meeting would take place with the Landscape Designer in the new year to progress the project.

Goonhavern Park Pump Track

Further delays had been experienced to the delivery of the pump track at Goonhavern Park. Members were dissatisfied at the extended delay and wished to see actual progress before the next meeting and if this had not been achieved, to revert to an alternative contractor.

Tamblyn Way Steps Project

Further information had been received relating to the submission of an Expression of Interest to the Heritage Lottery, and it was noted that there were potentially multiple ways to fund the project. Revisions were required to the design. The group would liaise with the Time and Tide group.

049/20/PS Update on Allotment site

Confirmation of terms were still awaited from Tregothnan and approximate costings were being prepared.

050/20/PS Request from Wild Swimming book

A request had been received from Wild Swimming Cornwall who were preparing a guide to safe wild swimming sites in the county and wished to include the tidal pool in Perranporth. A number of concerns were raised including protecting the facility for local residents. It was agreed not to support this request.

051/20/PS Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 18th January 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07 hours

Signed

Date: 18th January 2021