



## Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

### Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 6pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**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.

#### **001/21/PS Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

#### **002/21/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted**

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

#### **003/21/PS Minutes of the last meeting**

The final version of the minutes of the Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October were approved. The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December were also approved subject to a minor change in wording relating to 048/20/PS regarding trustees of the Garden Charities likely willingness to approve a new grant application for the skate park.

#### **004/21/PS Updates from Working Groups**

##### **Skate Park**

A meeting was due to take place with Sport England the following week to explain and discuss changes that had been made to the revised application for planning permission. Clarity would also be sought from the Planning Officer on timescales for the process. It was noted that while some repeat objections had been submitted, a considerable number of positive comments had also been made on the planning portal.

##### **Bolenna Park**

Alternative additional sites had been identified for the football posts, and the pitch would be moved along once sleeves for the posts arrived. A permanent heavy duty box had been installed to provide easy access to the key to operate the disabled swing. Sand had been ordered to protect the surface at the ends of the table tennis table and under the zip wire.

##### **Goonhavern Park Pump Track**

Cllr Arthur had met the contractor on site and confirmed the installation date in May and that the path would be reinstated down the side of the path. The basketball area which is not well used will be removed to enable the works to take place and Cllr Trevethan offered to arrange this.

**Action:** Remove basketball surface - Cllr Trevethan

##### **PACE**

The group had not had the opportunity to meet in recent weeks, and a meeting would be arranged within the next fortnight.

##### **Penhale Conservation Group**

Cllr White reported that she had received information that day that the Penhale site had just been sold for over £4m and that Comparo were therefore no longer the owners. There was an embargo on the news and members were instructed to ensure that the information remained entirely confidential until an official announcement was made. It was understood that a planning application would soon be submitted which would vary considerably from the earlier application.

Many recent complaints had been made regarding the increased security lighting at the MOD site. The Clerk was investigating and would report back.

### **Inner Green Project**

It was reported that a group meeting had taken place to finalise instructions to give to the Landscape Designer as well as a meeting with the Landscape Designer when redesign ideas were discussed and agreed as well as an onsite meeting to ensure the project met the requirements of the Triathlon. There would be one further meeting with the Landscape Designer to agree the design before presenting this to committee for approval.

### **Tamblyn Way Steps Project**

The next tranche of Heritage Lottery funding would be open for applications on 6<sup>th</sup> February and the Expression of Interest documentation was being prepared. The group had not yet had the opportunity to liaise with the Time and Tide group and this would be arranged in the near future.

### **005/21/PS Update on Allotment site**

Confirmation of terms were still awaited from Tregothnan as well as response to queries made to Cornwall Council.

### **006/21/PS Surfacing works to Bolenna Park**

Cllr Boston reported that she had been investigating options for surfacing the parish council's parking area at Bolenna Park to prevent the area becoming so muddy and potentially dangerous if users were to slip. The proposal was to clear the mud, install retaining oak sleepers and put down chippings. One quote had been received for £5,770. Some concern was expressed that this would formalise a car park which may be misused but the majority were in favour of proceeding with a hard surface on the area shown which would create approximately 7 parking spaces.

*[Cllr Byfield left the meeting. Cllr Lawrence assumed the chair]*

Alternative surfacing including grasscrete would be researched and 2 additional quotes obtained. It was AGREED in principle to proceed with the surfacing works at Bolenna Park subject to the approval of quotes.

**Action:** Obtain quotes for surfacing works including alternative surfaces – Cllr Boston

### **007/21/PS Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Rogers reported that a meeting would take place that week with the newly appointed environmental consultant and that it was expected that the consultation period would begin in May. Concerns were expressed regarding the slow progress and inability to challenge developers' plans without an adopted policy. It was AGREED to set up a joint meeting with the NDP group to discuss the process and establish clear deadlines. Cllrs Arthur, Boston, Gaisford, Rogers and Trevethan offered to attend the meeting.

### **008/21/PS Update on signage**

Cllr Norrington reported that the triangular sign was ready to be installed at the bottom of the Summerhouse steps and this would be completed as part of the Inner Green project with clearance and replanting of the stone triangle. Consideration was given to the need to refresh high street Covid signage. It was decided that this was not necessarily the best time to focus on this as there were reduced numbers of pedestrians. The 4 replacement signs available would be kept in reserve and deployed at an appropriate time after the end of the current lockdown. The Clerk confirmed that she had worked with Cllr Boston to commission permanent Covid signage for all play areas. This would be installed as soon as possible.

### **009/21/PS Items of Correspondence**

There were no significant items of correspondence to report. However it was noted that drainage issues at Tywarnhale Square would be addressed, the 12 benches which had recently been ordered were to be delivered the following week and that the works carried out to the wall at the front of Goonhavern Park and clearance of vegetation next to the toilet block were a great improvement to the area.

### **010/21/PS Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

Signed .....

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021