



## Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

### Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 7pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

**In attendance:** Cllrs Bowers, Pentecost, and Yeo, Tatiana Cant (Clerk), Linda Jones (Admin Officer), Laura Wright (Admin Officer)

#### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

#### **033/21/PS Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Silvey who was unwell.

#### **034/21/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted**

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

#### **035/21/PS Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true and accurate record.

#### **036/21/PS Beach Issues**

- a. Update on new Life Rings, Maintenance and Checks - Advice had been received from the Lifeguards and Coast Guard regarding the new rescue equipment. An inspection and maintenance regime would need to be created. The Coast Guard had stated that the devices needed to be location specific (eg a thrown device for floating needs to have no rope attached). One recommended location was the steps at the rear of the Seiners beer garden. Proposal for a budget of £500 - £1000 to purchase two pieces of equipment under direction of the Coast Guard was AGREED.  
**Action: Purchase life rings – Clerk**
- b. BBQ bins – a proposal to have the BBQ bins reinstated was AGREED. This would be reviewed after 31<sup>st</sup> May.  
**Action: Arrange for BBQ bins to be deployed – Clerk**
- c. Sand Safe Initiative - a proposal to share the Sand Safe Initiative on social media and parish notice boards was AGREED.
- d. Beach Cleaning – Charges for extra beach cleans by the Watering Hole end on 30<sup>th</sup> April. No action needed. Cllr Boston noted that the knowledge and responsibility for draining Chapel Rock was held by one person who would soon be nearing retirement. Succession planning to be discussed at the following meeting.
- e. Beach Officers and Beach Hut – Salaries for 3 beach officers was in the budget. The Parish would re-employ Colin Millbank and recruit for two new beach officers.

*[Tatiana Cant joined the meeting]*

The Parish Clerk wished to ensure that a space was available for the officers to accommodate equipment and provide a base. Cllr Lawrence agreed to contact the Surf Club for this purpose although the use of the building had not been possible the previous year due to restricted space and Covid regulations. Cllr Byfield proposed that the cost of a beach hut be investigated.

### **Actions: Recruit beach officers and investigate beach huts - Clerk**

- f. Cliff grilles – Cllrs Gaisford and Lawrence had examined the recent inspection report and would provide a full report at the next Full Council meeting. It was AGREED to arrange for Cornwall Consultants to carry out an inspection of the mineshaft covers on the cliff including Cathedral Caverns.

**Action: Provide report on cliff grilles to next FC meeting - Gaisford and Lawrence**

**Action: Arrange mineshaft inspection by Cornwall Consultants - Clerk**

### **037/21/PS Events**

- a. RNLI Charity Event – AGREED providing they remain away from the foot traffic on the bridge
- b. Rowing Festival – Decision would be made nearer the proposed date in 2023
- c. Orienteering Event – AGREED
- d. Rotary Concert on the Inner Green – Agreed in principle subject to covid restrictions at the time of the event
- e. Miracle Theatre Event on the Inner Green – Further details including dates would be requested

### **038/21/PS Replacement of Goonhavern Park fence**

A quote had been received for £1740 +vat for the Goonhavern fence and £691 +vat for the Ponsmere Playground fence. More detail regarding the works quoted would be required and further quotes sought.

### **039/21/PS Installation of Signage**

A presentation was received from Cllr Norrington regarding updated artwork. Frames were ready but the copy still needed to be finalised on 2 sides of the triangular sign.

### **040/21/PS Wild Swimming Book Entry Consideration**

Members had previously agreed that Perranporth should not be included in the new book to be published on wild swimming as there were significant concerns regarding safety on this stretch of coastline and members did not wish to encourage further wild swimming even in Chapel Rock pool. Further information received including a mock-up of a potential Perranporth page was considered but members were clear they wished to stand by their original decision.

### **041/21/PS Updates from Working Groups**

- a. Skate Park – Awaiting decision from CC planning meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Advice from an experienced planning consultant would be sought on a pro bono basis.
- b. Bolenna Park – Work on the parking area had been completed. Cllr Boston advised that the grass area would need to be cordoned off. It was AGREED that two springers from the previous toddler play area would be relocated and refurbished at a cost of £744 +vat.
- c. Pump track at Goonhavern – installation was still due to be installed in May
- d. PACE – The group had made excellent progress and a draft action plan had been created. A meeting was scheduled for later in the week to discuss.
- e. Penhale Conservation Group – No update
- f. Inner Green – No update
- g. Tamblin Way – An initial geophysical survey had been commissioned and would be carried out by students from the Camborne School of Mines. Cllrs Higgins and Rogers and the Clerk were preparing the Expression of Interest application. Two RIBA certified companies had expressed an interest in preparing designs, and the architect Carl Harding had offered to draw up a design on a pro bono basis.

### **042/21/PS Items of Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were considered.

1. An email from a member of the public had been received requesting a handrail at the bottom of the steps at Flat Rocks. Cllr Lawrence would contact the Coastal Footpath team as this would not be part of the Parish remit.
2. An application to film at The Lost Church had been received with all relevant paperwork attached. Cllrs AGREED to the event providing The Saint Piran's Trust and any other relevant landowners would be contacted for permission.
3. An application from the Watering Hole had been received for an event on the beach involving Corona beer marketing. Not all relevant paperwork had been included. Cllrs AGREED not to approve the event.
4. Several members of the public had expressed dissatisfaction that the beach huts were not available this season. This was a business decision of the Watering Hole who had advised the council that they unfortunately could not operate these safely under current restrictions.

**043/21/PS Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted: TBC

The Chair thanked Linda and Laura for stepping in to take the minutes in the Clerk's absence.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.47 hours

Signed .....

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021