



# Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Parish Council Offices, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

**Present:** Cllrs Gaisford (Chair), Boston and Rogers

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk)

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **034/22/PS Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Arthur who had work commitments, Cllr Byfield who had a personal commitment and Cllr Higgins who was unwell. The reasons for absence were accepted by members.

### **035/22/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted**

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

### **036/22/PS Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July as a true and accurate record.

### **037/22/PS Geophysical Survey of Perran Round**

Members noted a geophysical survey report of Perran Round commissioned by St Piran's Trust. Members wished to be kept informed of developments and receive regular updates from St Piran's Trust.

### **038/22/PS Bolenna Park Building Development**

A quote had been received for £1,650 to prepare construction drawings for the replacement building in Bolenna. The Clerk informed members that the Archivist had found documentations relating to the transfer of the building, covenants and objections to demolition. It was agreed to approve the quote in principle subject to assessing the documentation and satisfying members that there would be no obstacles to the works.

**Action: Research Bolenna Park files to establish history and any implications for council's plans to carry out works to property - Cllr Boston**

### **039/22/PS Use of logo on RNLI Report**

The RNLI had requested permission for the use of the Parish Council logo on their 2022 Annual Report. Members AGREED that the logo could be used in this publication.

**Action: Respond to RNLI to confirm council's agreement for use of logo on RNLI report - Clerk**

### **040/22/PS Alternative Memorial Arrangements for Droskyn**

Cllr Boston explained that the memorial benches at Droskyn were not very orderly and that there was a larger number than was perhaps needed for seating purposes. The Boating Lake memorial tree was now filled with memorial leaves and no further applications were being received. She proposed that the semi-circular stone seat at Droskyn be developed tastefully with a shoal of memorial fish and reported that these could be engraved for £21-£25 in batches of 30. It may then be possible to replace some of the higgledy-piggledy benches in a sensitive way and create an attractive area. A previous Admin Officer had carried out an audit of all the current benches and identified family contacts where possible. There was also a waiting list of people wishing to have some kind of memorial provision for relatives. Cllr Boston proposed and it was agreed that a working party be set up to develop the project with the support of the office.

**Action: Draft email to members to explain proposal and identify membership - Clerk**

### **041/22/PS Alternative Barrier Arrangements for Cligga**

Cllr Boston reported that some tenants had requested a lockable height barrier be installed at Cligga as the need to open and close the gate frequently was becoming arduous. Members considered the options and decided not to support the purchase of a new facility at this time as the area at most risk of incursion was the football pitch which was already quite

well protected with boulders and any problems were generally limited to the short summer season. Tenants would be reminded to ensure that the gate was secured at night.

**Actions: Inform tenants of decision of council not to install new height barrier – Cllr Boston**  
**Remind tenants of need to secure gate at night - Clerk**

#### **042/22/PS Purchase of Inclusive Swing**

A request had been received from a resident to install an inclusive swing at Bolenna Park. A quote of £6,609 had been received. Members considered the council's overall strategy for provision of play equipment and decided it would be more cost effective to consider incorporating such a swing in the new provision for the recreational equipment to be sited near the newly installed skate park at Ponsmere Valley.

**Action – Inform resident of council's decision re play equipment - Clerk**

#### **043/22/PS Inspection Reports for Play Equipment**

Members noted the most recent play equipment inspection reports for Bolenna Park and Goonhavern Park. There was a moderate risk showing at Bolenna relating to the waste bin and a replacement for this had already been agreed.

**Action – Check if Bolenna bin had been ordered - Clerk**

#### **044/22/PS Inner Green Update**

Cllr Rogers reported that the grass had made progress despite the dry weather and a regular irrigation system had been in place. Watering would stop now that the weather had changed and rain was expected. A hosepipe ban was also due to come into force the following week. Reimbursement of the water costs would be made to Perran Bay and the local resident who had kindly agreed for the council to utilise their water supply. Two thirds of the space had been opened up the previous week and the 'Please keep dogs on leads' signs had been installed and the Beach Officers had been asked to patrol the area to ensure compliance. Two picnic tables with recycled plastic bases had been installed and these had been seeded underneath. More grass seed would be sown on the bare patches in the autumn.

#### **045/22/PS Update on Public Spaces**

- a. Perran Round – Cllr Boston reported that the area was well cut including the ditch around the edge. There was a slat missing on the bench and a suggestion had been made that this be replaced with a Jubilee bench. There was evidence of a small fire inside the Round and one also outside. It was noted that the cut-proof lock and chain had been replaced with less secure fixtures.  
**Action: Request update on idea of Jubilee bench at Perran Round – Clerk, Cllr Wyn Jones**
- b. Inner Green – Cllr Rogers reported that members of the public were enjoying the newly available space which had been opened up and did not appear to be causing any damage to the surface.
- c. Droskyn – Cllr Boston reported that there continued to be overnight camping in the layby largely by surfers. There was evidence of three recent fires. Some benches had been adorned with several bunches of flowers and these quickly became unsightly and had been removed. There had also been a shrine of stones placed for a young child outside the fence on the clifftop. These would be removed. Grass seed had been sown on the patch of earth on the corner of the car park which had been recently damaged and then reinstated. The damaged fence was on the Handyman's task list. It had been weakened on the posts by strimming during maintenance works. All replacement posts would have metal collars at the base to protect them.
- d. Goonhavern Park – Cllr Arthur was not present to provide an update
- e. Bolenna – Cllr Higgins was not present to provide an update
- f. Cligga – Cllr Reynolds was not present to provide an update
- g. Ponsmere Valley – The Clerk reported that there were no specific problems in the area. The gate to the play site did not close well and dogs could enter easily and children had been seen using the equipment even though the site had been officially closed for safety reasons. It was agreed to ask the Handyman to assess the work needed to remove the items as they were in extremely poor condition and could not be repurposed.  
**Action: Ask Handyman to assess removal of play equipment at Ponsmere Valley – Clerk**

h. Cemetery – The Clerk reported that she had not recently checked the cemetery as no agreement was yet in place in terms of the council's obligations.

**046/22/PS Updates from Working Groups**

Members received an update from the following working groups:

- a. **Skate Park** – Terra Firma would be conducting an on-site survey on 19<sup>th</sup> August to meet some of the conditions of the planning permission. A confirmed start date was awaited.
- b. **Bolenna Park** – No further comments beyond issues discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c. **Goonhavern Pump Track** – Members were informed that installation had been slightly delayed due to the scarcity of concrete followed by the intense heat which had made it impossible for the team to finish the works. Once laid the concrete would take 14 days to cure. This would be followed by grassing and landscaping.

**047/22/PS Items of Correspondence**

The Clerk brought members' attention to an email received from a resident whose property was on the boundary of Bolenna Park and sought support for replacement fencing to prevent disturbance of anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to ask Cllr Bowers to research further and report back to committee.

**Action: Research fencing at Bolenna Park and discuss with resident – Clerk, Cllr Bowers**

**048/22/PS Date of Next Meeting:**

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. [Subsequently cancelled due to death of Queen and national mourning period]

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed .....

Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022