



## Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

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### Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Parish Council Offices, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

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

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk) and Susan Brooks (Admin Officer)

#### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **049/22/PS Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Byfield who had a family commitment. The reasons for absence were accepted by members.

#### **050/22/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted**

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

#### **051/22/PS Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August as a true and accurate record.

#### **052/22/PS End of Season Report from Senior Beach Officer**

The Beach Officer report was deferred as he was not present. It was suggested that a daily log book be kept to record activity and any incidents. The Clerk would produce a draft template for discussion.

#### **053/22/PS Strategy for Clearing Tents and Litter from Dunes**

Cllr Gaisford reported that he had had informal conversations with a member of Plastic Free Perranporth regarding discarded tents and litter left in the dunes by visitors. It was suggested that the street marshals might be asked to patrol this area in order to discourage this activity. It was AGREED that Cllr Gaisford should continue to work with Plastic Free Perranporth and PACE to devise a strategy for tackling the issue.

**Action: Work with Plastic Free Perranporth and PACE to create a plan to address discarded items in dunes – Cllr Gaisford**

#### **054/22/PS Provision of Benches at Goonhavern Park**

Members noted that two picnic benches were needed in Goonhavern Park to accommodate families using the new pump track. There were two suitable benches in stock. The exact location for these would be agreed and they would be installed once the pump track was complete.

**Action: Arrange for Handyperson to install benches – Admin Officer**

#### **055/22/PS Play Equipment: maintenance and repair works**

Members noted a report detailing the minor repair works needed to the play equipment in Bolenna and Goonhavern parks. There were no concerning safety matters. Members AGREED the quotes and requested that in future such maintenance issues be dealt with as part of the routine checks.

#### **056/22/PS Swimming Lessons Request**

Members considered a request from a local resident who wished to establish coaching lessons for cold water swimming and to charge a lesson fee. Members expressed concern regarding safety and noted that such a scheme would require licensing. Members AGREED that they were not prepared to approve the proposal.

**Actions: Notify the organiser of the proposed swimming lessons that the council had not approved the request - Clerk**

## 057/22/PS Approval of Events

### a. Perran Trail Runners – St Piran’s Revenge Trail Run – 11 Dec 2022

Members unanimously AGREED for the event to take place.

### b. Purple Gecko Events – Trail Running Half Marathon – 27 July 2023

Members requested that the organisers resubmit the request nearer to the event date and when the documentation was in place.

## 058/22/PS Inner Green Update

Cllr Rogers reported that the Inner Green surface was considerably improved and recommended that no weedkiller be applied, that the fencing be removed and the picnic benches installed and members AGREED.

## 059/22/PS Update on Public Spaces

a. Perran Round – Cllr Boston reported that there were extensive weeds in the gravel area and that a new small hole had appeared but did not seem to be a burn mark. The bench was in a serious state of disrepair and the Clerk confirmed that the Handyperson had removed the wooden slats for safety reasons and advised that it was not repairable. It was AGREED to remove the bench for the time being with a view to potentially reinstating in the future if there was a requirement.

**Action: Arrange for Handyperson to remove bench – Admin Officer**

b. Inner Green – Cllr Rogers reported that the sign regarding keeping dogs on leads at the bottom of the steps needed to be reinstated and the Clerk would ensure that this was done. It was noted that the top soil used appeared to be of inferior quality and likely to have resulted in the high weed content. Members stated that they were dissatisfied if the original quote had specified higher quality soil. This would be taken up with TMS.

c. Droskyn – Cllr Boston reported that there were no concerns regarding Droskyn. A small camp fire had been lit on the grass.

d. Goonhavern Park – The Admin Officer reported that the pump track works were almost complete. All the concrete had been poured and there was still some hand finishing taking place. A date was awaited for the RoSPA inspection. There was concern regarding a nearby tree and members wished to avoid delays resulting from multiple inspections if this were considered a significant problem. It was agreed to remove the tree in consultation with the Tree Warden.

e. Bolenna – Cllr Higgins reported that Bolenna Park was in good order with the exception of the bare patches by the previous goal mouths. It was agreed to arrange for these to be seeded as quickly as possible. Cllr Boston confirmed that plans for the replacement building had gone out to tender and it was agreed that this be publicised on Facebook to alert local builders who may wish to tender.

f. Cligga – Cllr Reynolds reported that the two bins, including the newly installed one, were being emptied regularly.

g. Ponsmere Valley – The two new agreed benches had been ordered. The Handyperson had assessed the play equipment which was in a poor condition and had reported that its removal and disposal would be quite a large operation and this had not been prioritised.

There was a request for the hexagonal Jubilee Bench on the green at the Fire Station be moved up the priority list and this was agreed.

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

## 060/22/PS Updates from Working Groups

Members received an update from the following working groups:

a. **Skate Park** – Cllr Gaisford explained that a report had been received from Terra Firma but that there had been a recommendation for further investigative work. Other possible options included establishing a membrane to

separate the structure from the ground. Members wished to explore costings for surveys and consider other possibilities. A summary of project costs to date and projected costings would be provided to members.

- b. **Bolenna Park** – Cllr Boston reported that she intended to seek initial costings for a wheeled facility.
- c. **Goonhavern Pump Track** – As reported earlier in the meeting.
- d. **Droskyn Project** – Cllr Rogers reported that he was arranging for SW Water to lift the manhole cover to check the sewerage outflow arrangements at Droskyn in order for the group to make recommendations for new toilet facilities.

**061/22/PS Items of Correspondence**

There were no significant items of correspondence to bring to the attention of members.

**062/22/PS Date of Next Meeting:**

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

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

Signed .....

Date: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022