



Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 20th March 2023 at the Parish Council Offices, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

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

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public

Public Participation

A member of the fire service outlined the intention of the organisation to conduct an exercise to recover a person buried in the sand. It was hoped that this would raise public awareness of the dangers.

031/23/PS Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Reynolds who was unwell and the reasons were accepted by members.

032/23/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

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

033/23/PS Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting on 20th February 2023 as a true and accurate record.

034/23/PS Bolenna Park Working Group

It was AGREED to appoint Cllrs Arthur, Boston, Higgins, Lawrence and Rogers to the newly formed Bolenna Park Working Group to oversee the works to the new toilet facilities in the park with a view to starting in September/October. Accordingly, it was agreed not to proceed at this stage with removal of the Virginia Creeper. Confirmation was still required on costings for trenching and sewerage arrangements.

037/23/PS Response to Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service regarding new CCTV arrangements

Members considered a letter from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service announcing that the service was to stop and a draft letter composed by councils affected. Members AGREED to respond to express concern regarding the intended plans and to declare that members wished the service to continue.

035/23/PS Cliff Inspection Report

Members noted the findings of the cliff inspection report and agreed that safety works were required to remove metal girders at the old Water Wheel location on the beach. Cllr Gaisford had met one rope access company on site who were able to carry out the works in one day and it was AGREED to proceed subject to responses awaited from 2 other companies with final approval at Full Council. Beach Officers would be asked to check sand levels during the season and alert the office if mining works became exposed.

036/23/PS Licences for schools providing water-based activities 2023

Cllr Gaisford provided context for the discussion relating to the consideration of surf school licences for 2023 and highlighted the anomaly which had come to light regarding insurance for coaches who were self-employed and those working for surf schools where participants were not covered.

There was a discussion relating to the insurance and liability considerations of issuing more boards than the Cornwall Council recommended number of 70. Members felt that it was essential that this figure was not exceeded and therefore agreed to fix the total number of boards at 70. It was unanimously AGREED to issue licences as follows: Perranporth Surf School: 40, Stoked: 15, Peg's Surf Coaching: 15.

No feather flags were to be permitted but smaller flags were acceptable. The council's preference was for unbranded tents. All tents to be sited either between the bridge and the Watering Hole, on the far side of the beach huts or beyond the Surf Club. There would be no change to the car permits issued.

038/23/PS Response to consultation on new parking fees

Cornwall Council had issued a consultation relating to the significant increase in parking fees planned in their car parks including Wheal Leisure car park. Members wished to strongly object in support of the residents, businesses and community groups requiring parking all year round at a reasonable cost and the Clerk would respond to lodge the council's objections.

039/23/PS Approval of Events

Mini Girls Rugby Tournament – 23rd April - approved

Plymouth University Sand Dune Survey and Drone Use – approved

Fire Service RNLI Coastguard Training – approved with the date to be confirmed

Action: Notify applicants of event approval – Clerk/Admin Officer

041/23/PS Update on Public Spaces

- a. Perranporth Beach – Cllr Byfield reported that there were no current issues of concern although dog bin provision arrangements should be considered at some stage.
- b. Perran Round – Cllr Boston reported that the replacement bench had been installed and the plaque had been ordered.
- c. Inner Green – Cllr Rogers reported that he had attended a meeting with TMS and the Handy Man that morning to discuss remedial work on the bare patches and a plan to address the issue would be provided.
- d. Droskyn – Cllr Boston noted that the kerb stones disturbed by the developer had been reinstated.
- e. Goonhavern Park – Cllr Arthur reported that the grass was looking very healthy and that the newly installed picnic benches were proving popular. The final seal on the surface on the pump track was still awaited.
- f. Bolenna Park – Cllr Higgins reported that there were no issues of concern. The damaged goal mouths would be returned.
- g. Cligga – Cllr Boston reported that she had been in contact with the people living on site and that Cllr Lawrence had visited and had a productive discussion. The situation would continue to be monitored and notices affixed to the boats and larger items to explain that these would be disposed of if they were not moved. The leaky pipework had now been replaced.
- h. Ponsmere Valley – The holes in the access to the Rugby Club car park still required attention.

042/23/PS Updates from Working Groups

Members received an update from the following working groups:

- a. **Skate Park** – An additional landscape drawing as requested had been submitted to CC and the fee paid. Confirmation was awaited that the conditions had been discharged.
- b. **Droskyn Project** – Cllr Rogers reported that a meeting would shortly be convened to move the project forward.

043/23/PS Items of Correspondence

Members considered the committee's contribution to the council's Corporate Strategy and made suggestions to be incorporated into the draft document for consideration by Full Council.

044/23/PS Date of Next Meeting:

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 17th April 2023.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed

Date: Monday 17th April 2023