



Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 15th May 2023 at the Parish Council Offices, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

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

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

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

055/23/PS Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Arthur and Rogers who had personal commitments and the reasons were accepted.

056/23/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

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

057/23/PS Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting on 17th April 2023 as a true and accurate record.

058/23/PS Bolenna Park Fence

Members had inspected a fence and vegetation on the boundary at Bolenna Park and unanimously AGREED to respond to the neighbour to thank them for raising concerns and explain that the parish council would periodically ask the contractor to thin out some of this vegetation but unfortunately could not take responsibility for maintaining the fence.

059/23/PS Replacement of Droskyn bench

Members AGREED to replace 'Paddy's bench' at Droskyn with a brown enviropol Phoenix bench at a cost of £702 inc VAT. It was noted that this memorial bench was being purchased as an exception by the parish council due to its popular location.

060/23/PS Position of surf school tents

Members considered comments submitted by one of the surf schools requesting an amendment to the location of school tents on the beach which the schools had considered amongst themselves. Members wished the tents to remain in the originally agreed position so that they were all in the same area. All schools would also be reminded before Whitsun that tents were for operational purposes only and that no sales were to be made on the beach.

061/23/PS Event date

Representations had been received from Purple Gecko regarding the date for Summer Sunset Half event. Members unanimously AGREED that the event should be held on 12th July.

062/23/PS Approval of Events

School Games Penryn College event for 5th July was unanimously AGREED.

063/23/PS Update on Public Spaces

- a. Perranporth Beach – Cllr Byfield reported that there were no immediate concerns with the beach and that bin provision would need to be checked before Whitsun. Comments were raised regarding the appointment of a 17-year old as Beach Officer in regard to potential safeguarding concerns. This would be referred to the Staffing Committee.
- b. Perran Round – Cllr Boston reported that there were no concerns. The replacement bench plaque had been installed.
- c. Inner Green – Reseeding of bare patches had taken place and the area fenced off. The grass was growing well. The triangle by the Summerhouse had been planted and looked much tidier.

- d. Droskyn – Cllr Boston noted that there were no concerns although camper vans had started to park up for extended periods.
- e. Goonhavern Park – Fencing surrounding the area of Japanese Knotweed had been damaged. Members AGREED to proceed with thermo-electric treatment with immediate effect.
- f. Bolenna Park – Members discussed alternative regimes for grass cutting including no-mow approaches to some areas. There was concern regarding long grass attracting litter and dog mess as well as young children needing space to run freely. Nevertheless it was agreed to trial no-mow in some of the areas suggested and this recommendation would be shared with the Services Committee.
- g. Cligga – Cllr Reynolds reported that the bin at the far end of Cligga was full whereas the one close to the road was fine. There were numerous caravans and vehicles. Notices of removal had not yet been put on boats, etc stored on site and this would be expedited.
- h. Ponsmere Valley – The chimney inspection had been completed and the report would be submitted to Full Council to agree remedial works. The garden competition for young children had encouraged several entries but a practical design was still to be created for these works..

064/23/PS Updates from Working Groups

Members received an update from the following working groups:

- a. **Skate Park** – The parish council had been informed just before the determination deadline of 10th May that several of the conditions were still to be discharged and further information was required, and had had to agree to an extension of a fortnight to avoid having to pay a further planning fee. The working group had been liaising with Maverick to prepare the required clarification. This process would be pursued in the expectation of an early determination. Cornwall Cllr Arthur had been notified of the dissatisfaction of the parish council. Members approved the drafted management plan. A Facebook notification would be issued to explain the situation to parishioners.
- b. **Bolenna Park** – Arrangements were still to be put in place to facilitate the installation of water and electricity. Cllr Boston would seek quotes for trenching works from suitable local suppliers.
- c. **Droskyn Project** – Members felt that a meeting needed to be convened as soon as possible to consider options for developing Droskyn. Drone footage of the area had been made available to the team and a folder was held in the office with details of families relating to the memorial benches.

065/23/PS Items of Correspondence

There were no additional significant items of correspondence.

066/23/PS Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 19th June 2023.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed

Date: Monday 19th June 2023