



Minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of St Erth Parish Council held on Tuesday 22th September, via Zoom, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors K Buzza, N Player, T Taylor.

In attendance: Fiona Drew (Clerk), Derek Tilby (Chairman of SERA)

OS01/20-21 Apologies for absence

None

OS02/20-21 Declarations of interest & dispensations

None

OS03/20-21 Appointment of Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Player be appointed Chairman. However, due to technical issues Councillor Buzza stepped in to chair for this meeting.

O204/20-21 Community participation

None

OS05/20-21 Play Parks

a) Vicarage Gate

It was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to keep this closed at present due to Covid restrictions
- to continue to maintain the site but not undertake any development of equipment, with a review to take place in line with future work at this end of the village at Boscarnek
- to get a cost to remove any timber posts that have been highlighted as medium risk

b) Battery Mill

i) Future development – following discussion, including the S106 money and potential alternative funding available, it was **agreed** that the following actions be carried out in order for the Committee to be able to make recommendations to Council in relation to future equipment:

- Skate park equipment – the Clerk to speak to the Wadebridge & St Ives Clerks to get an idea of design options
- Zipwire – Councillor Taylor to get prices and detailed options, looking at sustainability and reuse of materials

ii) Maintenance – it was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to carry out maintenance work highlighted in the Clerk's report at 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 to the Basket Swing Frame as quoted by South West Play at £698.00
- to get an alternative quote to replace the rotting timber on the Junior Activity equipment as per 3.1.2
- to budget for general rust and damaged paintwork as per 3.1.4 in 2021/22

OS06/20-21 Trees

a) Old Churchyard

It was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to monitor the lime tree that had been reported, based on Apex Tree Services advice

b) Battery Mill

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the following actions be carried out in order for the Committee to be able to make recommendations to Council in relation to tree maintenance:

- the Clerk to get a quote for felling two alder trees highlighted in the survey that could potentially cause damage to the high voltage cables if they fell
- the Clerk to get a quote for remaining work as outlined in the report for 2021/22 budget
- the Clerk to discuss with Apex Tree Services lifting the canopy by the sign and in addition Councillor Taylor would look at the sign to see whether it could be moved

c) Vicarage Gate

It was **agreed** that the following action be carried out in order for the Committee to be able to make recommendations to Council in relation to tree maintenance:

- the Clerk to get a quote for long term work outlined in the report for 2021/22 budget

d) Replanting of trees

Following discussion, including positioning and type of tree, it was **agreed** that the following actions be carried out in order for the Committee to be able to make recommendations to Council in relation to replanting three new saplings following previous felling:

- the Clerk to discuss with the Head of St Erth School a potential donation of two fruit trees
- Derek Tilby to assess a fruit tree outside the Church and feedback
- the Clerk to discuss with Apex Trees Services other options for where and what to plant

OS07/20-21 Footpaths

The Committee discussed the Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council that was offered to Parish Councils each year, looking at the way it was funded and what type of paths there were. It was **agreed** that the following actions be carried out by the Clerk in order for her to present a report to the Committee for their consideration prior to the budgeting process:

- to get an idea of costings for cutting per km
- to do a feasibility study to assess the current state of the paths
- to discuss with Cormac if they would make a one off payment to enable the Council to bring the paths up to standard prior to taking over responsibility for the maintenance

OS08/20-21 Next Meeting

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 7.00pm on Zoom.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____