



**Minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of St Erth Parish Council held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, via Zoom, commencing at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors N Player (Chairman), K Buzza, E Jenkin, P Rodda & T Taylor.

**In attendance:** Fiona Drew (Clerk), Derek Tilby (Chairman of SERA) and 1 member of the public

**OS09/20-21 Apologies for absence**

None

**OS10/20-21 Declarations of interest & dispensations**

None

**OS11/20-21 Community participation**

A resident updated on a Public Rights of Way application that he is hoping to get registered.

**OS12/20-21 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signs as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

**OS13/20-21 Play Parks**

**a) Battery Mill**

i) Zip Wire – having considered the quotes available it was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to use the S106 money available to purchase a new zip wire, on the proviso that three quotes were obtained and that the total came within budget

ii) Skate Park – following discussion it was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to allow the Committee to look further into design, costings and funding to assess what would be feasible

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

- to replace the rotting timber on the Junior Activity equipment as per 3.1.2 in the playground report as quoted by South West Play at £297.00, with the proviso that the Clerk would report to Council regarding any necessary virement to ensure the budget was available.

## OS14/20-21 Trees

### **a) Maintenance**

Following discussion, it was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to ask Apex Trees to fell the alder trees in Battery Mill highlighted in the survey at a cost of £350.00, with the proviso that the trees would be placed on a list to be replaced at some time in the future although not necessarily in this area
- to include the remaining work as outlined in the report in the 2021/22 budget - £300.00 for Battery Mill & £350.00 for Vicarage Gate
- to remove the branches covering the sign by the road and consider moving the sign to the entrance of the play park

### **b) Replanting**

Following discussion regarding the replanting of three saplings further to previous felling, it was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to plant two fruit trees at St Erth School and one fruit tree outside the Church, the latter to be joint funded by the PCC, on the proviso that the need for a faculty did not make the cost prohibitive (Derek Tilby to follow this up with the PCC). If so, the fall-back position would be to plant all three trees at the School.
- this recommendation is dependent on costings, scale and size to ensure they are appropriate for the areas and the Clerk would provide this information to Council

## OS15/20-21 Footpaths

The Clerk fed back on discussions with the Countryside Team regarding the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) and how the current cutting worked. It was **agreed to recommend to Council:**

- to get Chris Bray to do a feasibility study to assess the current state of the paths in order to allow Council to determine if taking on the LMP grant and associated work is a viable option prior to budgeting for next year, at a cost of £250 + VAT.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.57 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman      Date: \_\_\_\_\_