



Minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of St Erth Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at the Vestry Rooms St Erth, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors E Jenkin, J Kersey, P Rodda & T Taylor (Acting Chair).

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

OS01/09/21-22 Appointment of Chair

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Player be appointed Chair. In her absence it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Taylor Chair the meeting.

OS02/09/21-22 Apologies for absence

Councillor Player gave her apologies.

OS03/09/21-22 Declarations of interest & dispensations

None

OS04/09/21-22 Community participation

None

OS05/09/21-22 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair signs as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2020.

OS06/09/21-22 Play Parks

a) Vicarage Gate

i) Maintenance

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

- in light of new information regarding the removal of the Activity Trail, to review how this is carried out, to include three quotes for the hire of a digger to dig out the posts rather than leave the wooden cut stumps in the ground as per the original quote (separate report regarding this will be included for Council's consideration).

ii) Future Plans

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

- to review the use of the whole area including the play park and football field, to include delegating the Clerk, in conjunction with a named Councillor, to research funding opportunities for different types of play equipment, and other options going forwards.

b) Battery Mill (PFA)

i) Maintenance

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

- to appoint:
 - South West Play (SWP) to carry out repairs to the Multi Play (Junior) as outlined in 2.2 of the Clerk's report for Agenda Item 13a 7th September 2021 at a cost of £1,220 ex VAT (*this recommendation is dependent on the outcome of the Clerk's meeting with Daniel to discuss welding the slide and a follow up conversation with SWP*)
 - South West Playground Safety Inspections (SWPSI) to carry out repairs to the shackles, chains & bushes on the Basket Swing at £275 ex VAT, put non-slip tape on the Cable Runway platform to reduce slipperiness at £95 ex VAT and replace the chains on the Cradle Swing at £150 ex VAT
 - SWPSI to carry out a monthly operational inspection at a cost of £25 ex VAT (in addition there will be the cost of an annual inspection at £100 ex VAT which would continue to be carried out by the Play Inspection Company who SWPSI are affiliated with)
- to consider:
 - requesting a Schedule of Works from SWPSI for maintenance going forward and look to agree a maximum spend per month for minor repair work (at a cost of £25 per hour per man ex VAT plus material costs)

ii) Future Plans

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

- to look at options to replace the Multi Play (Junior) equipment within the next 2 years and to consider ways to fund this

OS07/09/21-22 Open Spaces

a) Parish Council

It was noted that the other land owned by the Parish Council was not currently used for recreation purposes and therefore not part of the Terms of Reference for the Committee, although options for use may be considered for future projects if appropriate.

b) PFA

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

- to assess options for the land beyond Battery Mill play park, to include consideration of skate park equipment and / or an orchard, as part of a longer-term review and see if one of the Housing Providers would be prepared to put in some top soil from a future build to assist with any future projects here

OS08/09/21-22 Trees

a) Maintenance

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

- to carry out the work as outlined in the Tree report dated 03/08,20, not completed in the last financial year (but factored in for this year's budget) to include:

- removing the weak stems from T2 & T6, and prune T7 – price quoted last year £300.00 – Clerk to confirm if any change to this and to check with Apex Trees the conditions of T1, T3 & T5 as outlined in the report
- raise the crowns for T8 & T9 and fell T10, T11, T13 and T14 – price quoted last year £350.00 – Clerk to confirm if any change to this

b) Replanting

It was noted that four trees are due to be replanted to replace the three Alders removed last year from Battery Mill and the Lawson Cypress due to be removed on 16th October from the Churchyard, but as yet no location has been agreed.

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

- to consider applying for trees through I-Dig or a similar project, if and when a decision is reached regarding the land beyond Battery Mill, bearing in mind future ongoing maintenance costs that would be required with a project of this kind

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____