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Environment Committee meeting – 14th January 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Environment Committee, held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, 09:45.

Present: Cllrs Ripper (Chair), Field, Roberson, Rodda, Clark (ex officio).

Absent: Cllr Drew, Forbes, Lane.

In attendance: L Dunkley, Clerk. 1 members of the public.

E71/19 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllrs Drew, Forbes, Lane.

E72/19 Declarations of interest/ Requests for dispensation. None.

E73/19 Public participation. None.

E74/19 Environment Committee meeting minutes: 12th November 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Filed/Rodda. 3 voted in favour, 2 abstained: Cllrs Clark, Roberson. No matters arising **NOTED**.

E75/19 Telephone service and kiosk removal consultation

RECEIVED as above in relation to Beach Rd, Porthtowan and **RESOLVED** to object to the removal of the phone and kiosk on the grounds that there is no mobile phone signal, public opposition to removal, the phone usage is relatively high, there are no other nearby phone boxes, and provision to make emergency phone calls is needed in particular as the defibrillator is nearby. Cllrs Clark/Roberson. Unanimous. **Clerk to respond.**

E76/19 Verge encroachment at Short Cross Mews

RECEIVED a report as above and **CONSIDERED** options. The Committee are keen for the verge in question to be maintained more effectively. The Clerk has asked Highways to investigate responsibility. **Clerk to pursue.**

E77/19 Weed clearance requirements

CONSIDERED the need as above. It was felt that there is a need for weed clearance at various sites across the Parish. It was noted that chemical clearance is not desirable and other methods will be investigated. **Cllrs Clark, Field, Ripper, Rodda, Roberson to review areas needed. Clerk to email ward maps & investigate non-chemical clearance options.**

**The following item was moved up the agenda*

E78/19 Beaconsfield Play Area

CONSIDERED the current management situation and future arrangements. P Richmond (former Chair) gave recent historical context of the management Committee which has struggled to get new Members; P Richmond has discussed with Cllr Drew whether Council can take on responsibility. Discussed community involvement, leases, inspections, funding, ownership, repairs etc. To bring back to Committee a resolution to take over management and to pursue community involvement with management should it be forthcoming in the future. **Clerk to investigate implications.**

Signed

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E79/19 Litter pick review

DISCUSSED as above. Four sessions took place in 2019, first three successful in terms of numbers of volunteers, but the November pick was not well attended. Turnout from Cllrs needs more encouragement. Spring and Autumn picks are more suitable for Mithian and Blackwater. First Saturday in April and October 2020 set for Parish-wide litter picks. **Cllrs to liaise with A Tippett and handyperson (more black and red bags required).**

E80/19 Environmental Management Policies and Climate Change

NOTED examples and **RECEIVED** information on a Cornwall-wide policy template. For further consideration at a future meeting.

E81/19 Update: Rose Garden Committee

No report **RECEIVED**.

E82/19 Update: Enhanced LMP project

RECEIVED as above. Quotes are being sought for agreed works; to be considered by extraordinary meeting on 3rd Feb.

**A Tippett entered the room*

E83/19 Planters

NOTED progress with planter options and purchasing. **RESOLVED** to spend up to £300 on materials to create one planter for outside the library to be built by the handyperson. Cllrs Roberson/Rodda. Unanimous. **A Tippett to pursue.**

E84/19 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 10th March 2020

NOTED suggested items for the next Council meeting: Environmental Management Policies and wider climate change issues; PROW maintenance quotes; Weed clearance specific need; Beaconsfield Pay Area management resolution.

E85/19 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports: Thanks to the handyperson for the planting of c.6,000 daffodils across the Parish. **Clerk to communicate.** Transport Working Group – 5 first locations for speed signs agreed by Highways. Post requirements being surveyed by Highways. Signs and accessories have been ordered.

E86/19 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following item: Quotations and contracts. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. Unanimous.

E87/19 Open Spaces Maintenance Contract

CONSIDERED quotations for 2-year contracts as above and **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from Mark Dalby Grounds Maintenance. Cllrs Field/Rodda. Unanimous. **Officers to action.**

**Cllr Clark left the room*

E88/19 Cemetery Maintenance Contract

CONSIDERED quotations for 2-year contracts as above and **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from Clive Kalber. Cllrs Rodda/Field. Unanimous. **Officers to action.**

E89/19 Sexton Duties Contract

CONSIDERED quotations for 2-year contracts as above and **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from Clive Kalber. Cllrs Roberson/Rodda. Unanimous. **Officers to action.**

Meeting closed at 11:50.

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