

**STROUD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Green (Chair), Poulton, Naumann and Lunnon

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk), Helen Bojaniwska (until item 7)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sutton and Dechan and Green Spaces Manager Mike Dando

**2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

There were no declarations or requests.

**3. Questions from the public**

None received.

**4. Minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

These were **approved** as a correct record and signed by Cllr Green.

**5. Budget monitoring report**

The report was noted.

**6. Green Spaces Manager's report**

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report.

The Committee would like to have a greater understanding of the green spaces within the parish. The Green Spaces Manager was asked to make a ranger available to show the Committee members around the green spaces in the parish. Times and details to be agreed.

GS Manager

The Clerk provided an informal update regarding a potential project around incorporating new technologies to engage the community in parks and green spaces which is emerging as a partnership between members of the community and Stroud District Council. The Clerk will be providing a full report to the FCP Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Green volunteered to be involved with the project.

**7. Stroud In Bloom**

The judging day for Stroud In Bloom is set for 10<sup>th</sup> July. Stroud In Bloom would like to encourage more committee members to come forward. Their next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**8. To receive and update on the Green Spaces Depot**

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee regarding the new Green Spaces Depot. It looks likely that the depot will be ready for occupation by the end of March.

**9. To receive a report on the cemetery grass cutting contract**

The report was received and accepted by the committee.

**10. To receive a report regarding a bioblitz at Bisley Road Cemetery**

The report was received and accepted by the committee.

**11. To approve Project Management fees**

The Clerk was asked to negotiate further with CBRE and report back to the next meeting.

Clerk

**12. To receive a report regarding grass cutting equipment**

The report was received by the committee and noted that the triple deck is not available. The committee would like the item to be assessed by Health and Safety consultants Ellis Whittam if this is feasible. The committee noted that the purchase of this item uses most of the 18/19 budget for large tools and equipment.

GS Manager

**13. To receive a report regarding surplus equipment disposal**

The report was received and noted.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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