

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE
16th July 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Green (Chair), Hale, Marjoram (from Item 4) Naumann and Poulton

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk), Mike Dando (Green Spaces Manager) and Cllr Hale.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received by Cllr Sutton (personal).

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were no declarations or requests.

3. Welcome a new committee member

Cllr Hale was welcomed to the committee.

4. Questions from the public

None received.

Cllr Marjoram joined the meeting.

5. Minutes of the meeting of 4th June 2019

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

6. To receive the budget monitoring report

The report was noted.

7. Green Spaces Manager's report

The Green Spaces Manager's reported on the works completed by the team.

Cllr Hale requested that the GSM put a further information at the wheel in Park Gardens to explain the planting there. The GSM confirmed that this would be put up soon. Cllr Hale also asked if the Green Spaces team could partner with Stroud Valley School regarding the Hedgehog republic project. The GSM confirmed that they would look into this.

Cllr Green commented on the positive elements of all the engagement work being done and congratulated the team.

8. To note the virement for the water bottle filling station

The committee discussed the success of the botte-filling station. It was **requested** that the Clerk add a sign for the water bottle filling station into the town signage project.

9. To receive an update on the disposal of the Chapel and surrounding tarmac

Cllr Hale updated the committee on the latest developments. Stroud Preservation Trust have partnered with the community group and will be conducting an options appraisal of the Chapel. SDC have been extremely accommodating throughout.

Deputy
Clerk

STC are able to help where necessary and will continue to be supportive of the community group and their efforts.

10. To receive an update about the land at Wallbridge

Cllr Green outlined the history of the site over the previous months. It was **requested** that Cllr Green continues to liaise informally with Extinction Rebellion and should it be necessary a letter is sent from the Clerk to the group outlining the environmental and cultural reasons for the upcoming hay-cut and removal of the willow structure. As willow is very invasive the committee does not recommend that the willow structure is moved to the other side of the canal. The letter should also include the date of the hay-cut should any member of the group wish to liaise with us prior to it being taken down.

Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Chair.....

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