

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE
21st January 2019 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lunnon, Marjoram and Sutton

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 8th January 2019

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

5. Budget monitoring report

The Deputy Clerk reported that the incorrect month was shown on the report and that it should be read as the November budget monitoring not December. The report was noted.

6. Green Spaces Manager's report

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report.

7. To consider the results and recommendations from the Long Ground consultation

The Committee considered the results of the consultation and the recommendation in the report. The Green Spaces Manager was asked to investigate bat training for at least one ranger so they can undertake checks and maintenance to the bird/bat boxes which are installed – to come out of the training budget. The committee discussed the entrances to the Long Ground, in particular the Cainscross Road end. Suggestions were made as to how the entrance could be made more welcoming. The committee discussed the appropriateness of the Scots Pine and that replacement trees under the conservation order could be considered. If any changes are proposed these should be submitted alongside wider proposals for tree planting on the site.

The committee **approved** the recommendations in the report to purchase and install bird and bat boxes at the site and for the purchase and planting of native trees.

8. To consider the results and recommendations from Park Gardens consultation

The committee discussed the approval rating for the park and how this can be strengthened in line with the Town Council's commitment to strive for excellence. The committee highlighted their desire to provide information boards about the

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heritage and wildlife at the park, and that this could be combined onto one board. The Deputy Clerk reported that design and signage are being looked at as part of the NDP projects and that information boards should form part of that to ensure consistency through the town. The committee discussed the potential for adding additional lighting in the park, including a vandal-proof light within the memorial shelter. The committee highlighted additional CCTV in the park which may deter some of the ASB around the shelter.

The committee would like to revisit the survey with a view to further improvement over the next five years.

The Chair requested that the term 'minimally invasive' is removed from the recommendation.

The committee **approved** the following recommendation; *To allocate £8662 (£5662 s106 Libby's Drive development), for some small scale projects in the park, a proportion of which to be used as match funding for grants for the refurbishment of play equipment in 2019/2020.*

Deputy Clerk/
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9. To consider a draft agreement from Stroud In Bloom

The Committee **approved** the agreement.

Town Clerk

10. To receive an update regarding temporary fencing at Bank Gardens

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Council's Health and Safety executive from Ellis Whittam is visiting the site on 27th February and will advise the Committee accordingly.

Deputy Clerk

11. To approve dates for the Committee to visit the Council's Green Spaces

The committee asked the Deputy Clerk to send dates in May and September to Councillors. The sites to be visited will be decided by the Green Spaces Manager.

Deputy Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Chair.....

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