

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Schoemaker and Cllr Sutton (both personal)

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 20th January 2020

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

5. To receive the budget monitoring report

The report was received.

6. Green Spaces Manager's report

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report. The works at the Long Ground were noted by the committee.

7. To receive a report on the memorial cenotaph at Park Gardens

Cllr Marjoram did not participate in the discussion.

The committee were supportive of the desire to improve the appearance and accessibility of the memorial.

The committee **approved** the new planting as outlined in the Deputy Clerk's report.

The committee asked the Green Spaces Manager to investigate the cost for installing a stone hardstanding opposite the cenotaph for wheelchair users and to provide a location for visiting dignitaries to stand during the annual Remembrance ceremony.

GSM

The committee rejected the installation of a bench of the design depicted in the report from the LRV Veterans group. The committee requested that any additional benches installed should be in keeping with the design of the rest of the park.

The committee noted that new LED lighting is being planned for the park which may help with some of the anti-social behaviour which has been reported.

The committee also noted that the Clerk is investigating costs to install further CCTV in the park to support the existing SDC CCTV.

The Green Spaces Manager was asked to investigate prices for the installation of the hardstanding stone and that this was done in conjunction with the works by SDC around the base of the cenotaph.

GSM

The remaining items such as the removal of the flagstone wall falls under the jurisdiction of the District Council as owners of the cenotaph and therefore could not be commented upon.

The committee delegated the works to officers to oversee.

GSM

8. To approve an access agreement for Sladebank Woods

The committee approved the access agreement.

Deputy Clerk

9. To approve a mural for the shed in Bank Gardens

The committee approved the creation of a mural with a theme of 'Unity' for the shed in Bank Gardens. The Deputy Clerk was asked to liaise with the Council's PR consultant to advise on publicity.

Deputy Clerk

10. To approve the updated Cemetery Regulations and associated forms

The committee discussed the option to support local stone masons with their registration to BRAMM or NAMM by allowing a twelve-month period to enable them to undertake this.

GSM

The committee **approved** the updated Cemetery Regulations with some minor amendments to the wording around the use of the site for members of the public and grass cutting.

Deputy Clerk

11. To receive the notes from the meeting of the Stroud Town CAN group

Cllr Green updated the committee. The notes were received.

12. To receive the minutes from the Allotment Association business meeting

The minutes were received.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Chair.....

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