

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE
24th September 2019 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk), Mat Allen (Green Spaces Ranger).

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

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 16th July 2019

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

5. To receive the budget monitoring report

The report was noted.

6. Green Spaces Manager's report

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report on the works completed by the team.

Cllr Green updated the Committee on Stroud District Council's Green Infrastructure report and noted that the Committee would need to consider this in future decision making.

7. To receive a report on biodiversity improvements and approve further initiatives

The committee discussed the various sites. It was noted that Cllr Green asked that all changes are clearly communicated with the public as exploration and development within the sites. Cllr Green also asked if an area at The Leazes could be developed as woodland rather than scrub. MA confirmed that this would be considered. The committee **approved** the recommendations in the report.

GSM

8. To approve a gritting policy

The committee asked that the line 'Other areas brought to our notice' was amended to ensure members of the public understand that 'other areas' only includes Town Council owned areas.

The committee **approved** the policy for the FCP Committee to consider with the noted amendment.

Deputy Clerk

9. To discuss budgetary priorities for 2020-21

Cllr Green outlined the new priorities for the committee once the governance review changes are implemented for the 2020-2021 year. Once the Green Spaces

Committee becomes the Environment Committee its remit will be broader and more strategic and will include actions for becoming carbon neutral and mitigating climate change. This may have an effect on the budget for the committee.

Deputy
Clerk

Cllr Sutton asked if the Green Spaces team could refurbish the roundabout at Wallbridge.

Cllr Green asked if a project for introducing accessible entrances to all the Town Council's parks could be added to the project list.

The committee **approved** the list brought to them with the additions above. The Deputy Clerk was asked to prepare a further budgetary outline for consideration.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Chair.....

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