

**Notes from the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Present:

Cllr. Julian Smith (Chair of the working group), Cllr Christina Whitty, Cllr Sally Hawken, Cllr Jane Pascoe, Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager).

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Councillor Smith welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance.</p>	
<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr D Ambler and Cllr S Cassidy.</p>	
<p><b>Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.</b></p> <p>The notes from the 6<sup>th</sup> February meeting of this working group were considered and agreed by those present.</p>	
<p><b>Castle Park</b></p> <p>An update and timescale is required from David Read of Cornwall Council regarding devolution transfer. The Making Space for Nature project has identified Castle Park as a key area.</p>	<p>FM to email David Read for an update.</p>
<p><b>Strategy for Rapson's Park</b></p> <p>Further information is required regarding the proposal to utilise part of the car park area as a bus depot, before consideration can be given to other proposals including the relocation of the Skate Park. Camelford Town Council have recently secured funding for a new skate park and would be a useful case study.</p>	<p>JS/JP</p>
<p><b>Thorn Park</b></p> <p>Refer to the work done by David Orr as part of the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan regarding parks and open spaces for all parks. The play equipment in Thorn Park is targeted at younger children but has no equipment for babies (other parks have other target age ranges). Provision for Natural Play was also suggested – see Play England website. The point was made that parks and opens spaces across Liskeard should broadly cater for all ages i.e. multi-generational regarding seating, landscaping, etc.</p>	<p>JS</p>

<p><b>Lanchard Cemetery</b></p> <p>Potential to incorporate Lanchard Cemetery as part of the parks and opens spaces portfolio of the Town Council pending further investigation, particularly around liability.</p> <p>The small building at the entrance to the Cemetery could become a useful 'out station' for the Facilities Team.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>FM</p>
<p><b>Equipment Audit</b></p> <p>No progress. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Parks equipment list could provide much of this information with some updating where equipment has been changed or removed. Include as part of the audit the small play area at St Martins Court and Stanley Maggs Way. There is currently no provision for children with disabilities at any of our parks</p> <p>Funding is available for tree and hedgerow planting via Cornwall Council's Grow Nature project - <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/grow-nature/funding/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/grow-nature/funding/</a></p>	<p>JS/SC</p>
<p><b>Pengover &amp; Lake Lane Allotments</b></p> <p>There are still two vacant plots at the Lake Lane site. John Ede has expressed an interest in using this site for a community garden project. The Facilities Team to investigate whether a water supply could be brought from the scout hut.</p> <p>The current waiting list for allotment plots consisted of three applications, excluding John Ede, who was now at the top of the waiting list.</p>	<p>FM to follow up with John Ede and to arrange further investigation of water supply.</p>
<p><b>Barratts Play Area – Golitha Rise</b></p> <p>The transfer of the Golitha Rise play area is progressing with solicitors</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Liskeard in Bloom have been in touch with Cllr. Pascoe regarding delivery of this year's competition entry. The Facilities Manager will respond direct to John Hesketh regarding work programme to see if/where the Town Council can assist.</p> <p>A query was raised with regard to the trophies that used to be given out as part of Liskeard in Bloom/allotments. Investigate where these are (suggested Town Council Office and/or Liskeard Show).</p> <p>There is a meeting scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> March with Helen Fearnley from Making Space for Nature. Cllr. Smith and Facilities Manager to work up one or two suitable questions that might be included as part of their community engagement at the Community Fair on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p>	<p>FM to contact LiB</p> <p>FM &amp; Cllr. Smith to liaise re. questions.</p>

The possibility of a utility vehicle for the Facilities Team was again discussed and needs to be investigated further.	FM and Cllr. Pascoe to follow up.
<b>Date of next meeting</b>  Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Mayor's Parlour	