

Minutes of Parks and Environment Committee ‘remotely’ at 6.30p.m. on the 18th January 2021

PRESENT: Councillors L. Whatley (chair), R. Griffiths, E. Williams, P. Totterdale.

APOLOGIES: D. Williams.

There were no declarations of interest.

1. The minutes of meeting held on the 04/11/20 were unanimously confirmed as being correct (**minute 0121 – P&E 1**).
2. **Improvements to Park Entrance**
The clerk reported that he and the chair had met with two companies at the park to discuss improvements to the entrance and generally within the Park, due to illness the second company representative was not able to get there until last week, their (Wicksteed) estimate is still awaited, estimate from Touchline Marking was £4,960 + VAT. It was agreed to wait for second estimate before taking this forward. The clerk explained that as this expenditure had been previously approved if the costs were received before the monthly meeting then a decision could be made at that meeting. Cllr. Griffiths asked if there was any progress with the planters, the clerk explained that provider had emailed him to say “I have been chasing up the order, they say delivery will now be in January”, clerk to follow up.
3. **Other works in the Park**
Both companies had been taken round the park and issues discussed, both would provide estimates for what was required including some suggestions of their own, chair pointed out that this could then be placed in a programme of improvements. Cllr. Totterdale pointed out that the areas underneath the older children’s climbing area and both set of swings was becoming particularly muddy and when could this be improved, clerk explained that it would be for the Council to prioritise any improvements. It was also raised that reports had been received that the ‘kiddies area’ was particularly busy over the weekend, chair pointed out that it would be very difficult for the council to control this, however he would look to see if there were any signs available to emphasise the need for social distancing in all areas. The clerk had also asked if the PCSO’s could keep an eye on the area and give advice as required.
4. **Dog Orders – Update**
The clerk reported that he had not received any interest for taking forward the collating of evidence which was required before any dog orders could be considered. The clerk reported that he had reminded CCC that they were going to provide further signage at the Park.
5. **Sticle Path.**
The Chair reported that he had been approached by members of the public about placing a handrail on Sticle Path (approx. 40m). The clerk reported that he had made some enquiries and it early estimates suggested that it would cost in the region of £45/50 per meter, although both contractors had stressed a site visit would be needed before an accurate quotation could be given. Clerk to request quotations for consideration.

6. Improvements at Memorial Stone.

Clerk reported that he had received an estimate of £1690 + VAT for the improvements around the stone, clerk informed members that he had asked for more details but due to current restrictions on non-essential businesses the stonemason was closed. Clerk to contact them to ask for more details.

7. Meeting with CCC Bio-Diversity Officer

Considering current restrictions this to be deferred for time being.

8. Any other business

- a) Some sort of plan should be considered for issues with water to RHS of park (near skateboard area), companies providing estimates asked to come up with ideas.
- b) Consideration be given to the introduction of bird boxes.
- c) Chair reported that the Trunk Road Agency be thanked for the excellent work they had carried out in cleaning the two underpasses.
- d) There had been some tree cutting on the lane opposite the turning for Llangunnor Church, clerk to check who had carried out this work with CCC.
- e) The chair reported that a hedge had been cut in Blaengwastod Road / Login Road, clerk reported that he had made enquiries with CCC, it was a private hedge and that CCC could not really do anything about it, although they did expect it to be fenced in the near future.
- f) The chair was pleased to hear that the Town Council were hoping to get the interpretation boards up in the next week or so, he asked whether wayfarer signs could be placed on them.
- g) Chair asked if documents such as the Park Tree Survey could be placed on the website. Clerk agreed to sort it out.

9. Next meeting – chair / clerk to agree date/time of next meeting.

Meeting closed 7.10 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

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