

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TRAINING ROOM, FIRST
FLOOR, TRURO COMMUNITY LIBRARY, PYDAR STREET, TRURO**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons (Chairman), Green, Roby, Roden, Sealy, Mrs Swain (Deputy Mayor) and Webb (Mayor).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Southcombe and Tamblyn.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Carlyon.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Budge – Parks and Amenities Manager.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman informed Members of the evacuation procedures. She commented she would be adhering to Standing Orders and the agenda during the meeting.

210 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman announced Mr Simon Mansell, Corporate and Information Governance Legal Services at Cornwall Council, has confirmed that if a Member has made a declaration of interest, they must leave the room during the discussion and vote of the corresponding item unless they are a member of a charity or trust and are requested to give information at the Chairman's request. There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

**211 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS
AGENDA - VERBAL QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**212 PUBLIC MINUTES AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE OF THE PARKS AND
AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022**

It was proposed by Councillor Roby, seconded by Councillor Green, and

RESOLVED that:

The Public Minutes and Confidential Minute of the Parks and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2022, were signed as a correct record.

213 TREMORVAH PLAYING FIELD – CONSULTATION 2021 FOURTH REPORT

**(i) Report back on an estimate of potential costs for widening the path running
across Tremorvah Playing Field from Trevithick Close to Bodmin Road**

Further to Minute 277 (P&AC 15.11 21), the Parks and Amenities Manager had considered three quotations together with the Chairman and works would be taking place to widen the path which would enable two prams to pass without a person having to step off the path.

**(ii) Outstanding matters from the Preliminary Report i.e. new litter bins and
picnic benches**

Further to Minute 277 (P&AC 15.11 21), Members were requested to consider outstanding matters from the Preliminary Report. Some decisions had already been made by Council and others needed to be made about new litter bins and benches. Taking into consideration several factors, including public concern about previous incidents of antisocial behaviour, the Parks and Amenities Manager suggested picnic benches not be installed, but additional benches be considered along the Bodmin Road side of the field.

Members discussed the possibility of public toilets, and the Parks and Amenities Manager advised the cost was prohibitive at this time. Members expressed some

concerns including: the nearest public toilets to Tremorvah were located at Bridge Street; the provision of public lighting along the boundary with Bodmin Road (the lack of which might attract antisocial behaviour but might also create light pollution); the security of the hedge on this boundary (which had caused issues of people running onto the highway in the past); and it was also suggested, following concerns raised by residents of Murdoch Close in particular, appropriate liaison take place before any changes were implemented by the Council on the field area.

It was moved by Councillor Biscoe and seconded by Councillor Rabey and,

RECOMMENDED that the consideration of any decision on outstanding matters be deferred until the Parks and Amenities Manager had met with the Truro Antisocial Behaviour Officer.

Further debate took place about compost toilets, and

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Sealy, and

RECOMMENDED that the Parks and Amenities Manager be requested to investigate the potential provision of compost toilets at Tremorvah Playing Field.

214 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Webb, and

RESOLVED that, in accordance with s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item by reason of its confidential or special nature.

215 PARKS DEPARTMENT STAFFING STRUCTURE UPDATE

Further to Public Minute 209 and Confidential Minute 212, the Parks and Amenities Manager updated the Committee regarding the on-going organisation restructure.

[The associated confidential minute appears separately.]

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Biscoe, and

RECOMMENDED that the Parks and Amenities Committee place on record it's thanks to Mr Chris Waddle for his service as Countryside Ranger and wished him all the best for his future career.

216 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Roby, seconded by Councillor Webb, and

RESOLVED that the press and public be invited back to the meeting.

**217 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE (ESTIMATES)
Monday 9 January 2023**

The Chairman confirmed the next scheduled Committee meeting (Estimates) was Monday 9 January 2023 starting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

-----CHAIRMAN