



The Parks and Green Spaces All-Party Parliamentary Group

Inaugural AGM

22nd September, 9:00-9:30

Zoom

In attendance

Lilian Greenwood MP

Matt Western MP

Ian Byrne MP

Steven Bonnar MP

Julie Elliott MP

Henry Smith MP

Fleur Anderson MP

Rosie Duffield MP

Mark Logan MP

Liz Twist MP

9:00	Welcome and introduction Lilian Greenwood MP, temporary Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair provided an overview of issues impacting parks, their recent prominence in the public eye, the pandemic has demonstrated not only how valuable they are to our nation's physical and mental health, but also the importance of our relationship to nature and protecting our green spaces.• The pandemic has also highlighted some of the challenges impacting our parks, including inequality of access and limited funding.• The new group will work to keep up the momentum, ensuring these issues do not fall back down the Westminster agenda.
9:05	Overview of Parks and Green Spaces issues Richard McIlwain, Deputy Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard provided a brief overview of some of the work Keep Britain Tidy has done to tackle both topical issues that have impacted parks over the summer, as

	<p>well as our work running the Green Flag Award supporting the role parks play in our long-term economic and climate recovery.</p>
9:10	<p>Items for decision</p> <p>Lilian Greenwood MP, temporary Chair</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group's name: The Parks and Green Spaces All-Party Parliamentary Group AGREED • Statement of Purpose: To address the most urgent issues affecting our parks and green spaces, including but not limited to funding, skills, inequality of access and provision, climate change, biodiversity and the impact they have on the nation's health and wellbeing. AGREED • Category of the group: A subject group AGREED • Election of the group's officers and posts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Lillian Greenwood MP AGREED • Vice Chair - Sir John Hayes MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Bob Blackman MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Liz Twist MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Ian Byrne MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Helen Hayes MP AGREED • Vice Chair Fleur Anderson MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Rosie Duffield MP AGREED • Vice Chair – Matt Western MP AGREED • Appointment of the Secretariat: Keep Britain Tidy AGREED • Income and expenditure matters: in kind support from the Secretariat NOTED
9:15	<p>Topics of interest to members for future meetings</p> <p>Lilian Greenwood MP, temporary Chair</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Byrne MP raised the issue around creating more green space for communities that currently lack access to nature, citing Fields In Trust as a valuable point of contact on this. • Fleur Anderson MP suggested the group invite parks groups from across the country to share knowledge, experience and ideas around urgent issues impacting our green spaces. Liz Twist MP suggested we consider the role of volunteers. • The Chair suggested we invite the Minister in charge of parks to answer members' questions, next steps for the group is to approach MHCLG and ascertain who that Minister may be. • The Chair thanked members for their contributions, confirmed that the group's secretariat will be incorporating these suggestions into plans for the upcoming programme of work.
9:25	AOB and close Lilian Greenwood MP, temporary Chair



Keep Britain Tidy provides the secretariat for the Parks and Green Spaces
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