

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**    **Date and Venue:** Town Hall Eye @7pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and later at the allotments    **Persons present:** Town Councillors Mike Smith Mick Robins Jane Hudson Alan Cooper Caroline Byles and the Town Clerk    1. No apologies for absence

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2. The Town Clerk explained the need for Agendas to be published in advance in order to obtain a **Quality Council rating**. It was agreed that this should be done

3. The resignation of Cllr Klaus Gleissberg from the Committee was noted.

4. Cllr Byles showed the Committee the work she was doing on cataloguing the **streetlights in Eye** belonging to the Town Council using the spreadsheet compiled by Cllr Gleissberg, the most up to date information about ownership of the streetlights from SCC and checking that the work to be done by SCC had been completed. When completed it will be checked by the Chairman of Environment Committee and sent to members of the Committee and Cllr Hooton who is interested in streetlights.

5. **20mph speed limit in Eye** . There has been no reply from David Stiff of

SCC and it was agreed the new Cabinet member for highways should be contacted by the Town Clerk to find out what is happening.

6. **Moveable speed signs.** The application has been made but it was noted the SCC response was disappointing. There are 50 other applications for similar signs in Suffolk waiting to be assessed by SCC. The Town Clerk pointed out the provision requiring ETC to indemnify SCC if any accident happened when using the signs. If and when the signs are obtained our insurers must be informed.

7. **Dog mess** Cllr Byles is waiting to hear from the police woman dealing with paws on patrol.

8. It was noted there are serious problems with overhanging oak trees on Victoria Hill and **overgrowing trees and shrubs** on the pavement of Cranley Road by the old pumping station. In Cranley Rd the situation is so bad pedestrians have difficulty using the pavement. The Town Clerk agreed to write to SCC and MSDC about these problems.

9. It was noted that **the green cemetery** has been strimmed and that it was a good time of year to take photographs of the green cemetery.

10. It was noted risk assessments must be checked in September.

11. It was resolved unanimously to purchase **a red ensign flag** for a sum not exceeding £45 to commemorate the merchant navy's role in the second world war and to fly the same in September. The money is to come from .....budget.

12. The Town Clerk was asked to find out the cost of a commonwealth flag.

13. The Town clerk read the Committee an email about the slippery surface of the skateboard park which has arisen because graffiti on the skate park has been painted over by the community centre using ordinary paint and not non slip paint. It was unanimously agreed this was a serious matter as an accident could result and non slip paint should be ordered immediately and a repaint job organised.

14. It was noted that no work will be carried out by the Water Company in **Church Street** this year.

15. The Town Clerk read out an email enquiry from a resident asking whether the Town Council had plans to **alter /change car parking in Eye** – the

Committee asked the Town Clerk to reply that there were no such plans

16. It was agreed the Environmnet Committee would send two representatives Cllrs Cooper and Robins to a meeting with the **490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group** to decide where the memorial should be placed.

17. It was noted Mr Banthorpe has agreed to maintain the rosebed at the junction of Lambseth St Castleton Way and Victoria Hill in return for being allowed to erect a good quality sensible sized sign advertising his business. The Town Clerk was requested to write to SCC the freeholder of the land to obtain their agreement to this work being done.

18. A resident Mrs Lucas is chosing **the bench** she wishes to have placed outside the Town Hall in memory of her husband a former mayor of Eye .

19.The Committee with the exception of Cllr Hudson adjourned to the **allotments** and the Town Clerk was requested to send out the letters:

20. The Committee noted shingle will shortly be delivered to **the Cemetery** for work on the paths to be completed.

21. It was resolved unanimously (apart from Cllr Hudson who had left the meeting) that **2 new dog bins** should be purchased for a price not exceeding £400 the cost to come from ..... budget.

The meeting finished at 9pm

### **Matters for Eye Town Council**

The Council to note the purchase of a red ensign flag to commemorate the Merchant Navy's role in the second world war for a sum not exceeding £45