

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING 7pm 3rd February 2015 Eye Town Hall

PERSONS PRESENT Alan Cooper (Chairman), Caroline Byles, Jane Hudson, Linda Cummins

Mike Smith and Mick Robins Ex Officio

No members of the public were present

MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. The Pocket Park The wooden palings are almost all repaired. Mike Smith confirmed he has a very effective Pressure Washer which he is prepared to use at the beginning of May to pressure hose the Play equipment and the ground tiles providing ETC pays for diesel. Cllr Cummins suggested that the recycling bins are also hosed down. **Resolved** to recommend expenditure of £20 max on the purchase of diesel to power hose the Pocket Park equipment and recycling bins.

2. Cllr Hudson is to find out more about adhesive to fix and regrout the ground tiles on the playpark and possible discuss with D Pulford.

3. It was agreed that the Committee and ex officio members would meet at the Play Park next Wednesday (11th February) to draw up a specification to have the play park equipment painted after it has been power washed. Section 106 monies may be used to pay for this painting work.

4. The proposed Order prohibiting right turns by vehicles from the Stuston Road onto A140 by SCC. Agreed this was needed for safety reasons and **a resolution passed** to recommend approval of the draft Order by Eye Town Council

5. The pricing of Market Stalls There was a lot of discussion of this matter . There are two market stalls: fish and vegetables but the Vegetable Stall seems to have given up for the time being because its just not economic for the stall holder. The supporting paper about prices of stalls in similar markets put together by the Town Clerk and Cllr Hudson was

considered very carefully. It was agreed that our stalls are the most expensive in this part of Suffolk and in these circumstances the rents must be reduced to £16 even though it would have budgetary implications. It was also considered that the charging of a low introductory rate would annoy the present single stall holder. There was a lot of discussion on how to revive the Friday Market and it was considered that the Committee needed to carry out more investigations. Cllrs Hudson and Cooper will investigate by discussing the matter with the fish stall holder and other stall holders they know at Framlingham Market. The Business forum will also be invited to the next Environment Committee meeting and the Bank Arts Centre will be asked for ideas. **Resolved** to recommend a reduction of the Market Stall rents from £20 to £16 per week.

6.Allotments . It was noted there are still five allotments to be let and that there have been thefts of horticultural equipment. The Town Clerk to be requested to organise Notices warning that the allotments are regularly patrolled to deter thieves.

7.Intelligent lighting Cllr Byles read out an email received from K Smith of SCC stating that the work was being carried out. Agreed that Cllr Byles should phone K Smith to ask for contact details of the engineers to meet up with them to make sure they move lights to the correct places. It was also noted that there are a number of lights needing repairs. ETC have informed SCC but no repair work has been done and it was considered the Town Clerk should post on the ETC website details of repairs requested and the date requested so the public is clear that it is not ETC being slow to sort out repairs of lights.

8.The Rose Bed at the junction of Lambseth Street and Castleton Way
This rose bed is owned either by SCC or MSDC neither of whom will maintain it. After a lot of discussion it was decided to wait till the new light has been fixed in the rose bed (its part of the intelligent lighting project) then possibly try to get a Garden Centre to maintain it with some sort of advertisement likeGarden Centre cares for Eye . Or see how much it will cost for ETC to maintain the rose bed.

9.Resolutions

10.9.1.To recommend approval of the draft Suffolk County Council (Parish of Stuston) (B1077 Stuston Lane) (Prohibition of right turn for motor vehicles) Order 201-

11.9.2.To recommend expenditure up to a maximum of £20 to pay for diesel for a power hose owned by Mr M Smith to be used to clean

equipment at the Pocket Park and recycling bins

12.9.3. To recommend that the rent for stalls on the Market held on Friday be reduced from £20 per week to £16 per week.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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