

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES 5th April 2016

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING 7pm at the Town Hall Eye

PERSONS PRESENT Alan Cooper Jane Hudson Caroline Byles Colin Ribchester Mick Robins Mike Smith and Town Clerk

MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Apologies – none.

2. **Quotes for the Pocket Park.** 3 received so far all in excess of £10,000.

ROSPA reports have not said the rubber tiling needs replacing but in the view of Cllr Smith they do because the present surface is very hard and could injure a child – the surface has hardened over time. We are waiting for one further quote which may be cheaper from Playdale. It does not seem likely there is any Section 106 money for the playpark but enquiry should be made of Gillian Hilder at MSDC. In next years budget there is £1000 for spending on the PlayPark. Resolved to wait to see Playdales quote and make an enquiry about section 106 monies.

3. **Dog mess leaflet** Cllr Byles read out her first draft and promised to give a better typed draft to every member of the Committee at the next Town Council meeting. It was agreed Sarah Carter of MSDC should be shown the draft brochure to make sure she was satisfied with the wording.

4. **Tree works in cemetery and churchyard** One quote has been received and two more are awaited. It was agreed that for health and safety reasons this work can be done although we are in the young birds season because human safety is more important than birds breeding. To be discussed again next month when the other two quotes are received.

5. **The Churchyard wall** It was accepted that the churchyard wall is the responsibility of the Town Council and resolved in order to plan finances in future years a survey by a structural engineer should be instructed to carry out a survey of the wall for a sum not exceeding £3,000 plus vat. The structural engineer to be instructed that only essential repairs are to be carried out. The Town Clerk pointed out that three quotes would be required and the PCC should be notified. Agreed that Cllr Berry should be involved in this matter.

Cllr Smith to mention the idea of removing head bricks from the wall which might fall on a passerby with Mrs A Willoughby of the church.

6. Cemetery Leaflets. New photographs have been taken and a trial print of one leaflet has been carried out but the paper is too shiny. The Town Clerk will experiment with different paper and let the Committee know what is happening at the next Committee.

7. Chapel Keys. The Town Clerk and Cllr Berry will chase Paul Durrant to do this work of installing new locks and keys.

8. Allotments all allotments have been let. There is a waiting list of two people. Mrs Gill wishes to have rubbish removed from her plot. The Town Clerk will phone her to find out exactly what sort of rubbish she wishes to have removed. If its wood and vegetation Cllr Smith will remove it. Two allotment holders have not paid their rent but the Town Clerk had no doubt they will pay as they are late payers.

9. Queens birthday beacon – Cllr Smith reported all under control

10. Skateboard Park- the graffiti was noted. The payment of £50 to Mr Buckingham of MSDC to paint over the recent bout of graffiti taken by the Town Clerk under her emergency powers was unanimously ratified. Cllr Ribchester is obtaining more nonslip paint. It was unanimously agreed that a graffiti art project for the skateboard park should be investigated by the Town Clerk with the Bank. There is £400 in our budget earmarked for young people and also the Mayor's fund.

12. Portable 30mph traffic signs Cllr Cooper will chase Josh White of Highways dept for these.

13. Adding the name of George Whayman to the War Memorial. There is disagreement about this. One Committee member considered that if George Whayman's name is added to the war memorial then those of Ollie Clayton,

George Lockwood and Walter Dale who died many years after the end of the second world war should be added – they were all Japanese prisoners of war and died of ulcers directly attributable to the conditions as prisoners of war. Two members of the Committee had no problem adding all four names on to the war memorial, two other members of the Committee considered that for financial reasons no other names should be added to the war memorial. The Town Clerk ascertained that it would cost £150 to add one name to the war memorial but that if other names were added it would not be £150 per name. Some members of the Committee felt that if extra names were added to the war memorial many others would come forward with requests for more names to be added. Cllr Cooper stated that the Whayman family declined a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone when it was offered to them. After a lot of discussion it was agreed that a resolution should be added to the Agenda of the April meeting of Eye Town Council. Council members should be informed of the disagreement about the matter and it should be for the Town Council to make a decision.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

14. At the end of the meeting the Committee discussed the resident's complaint about the lighting at the estate agents. Cllrs decided that the lighting was outside the jurisdiction of the Council and that as they were turned off before midnight they saw that this was a legitimate practice for the business.

Resolutions to Eye Town Council

1. To consider instructing a structural engineer to make a structural survey of the wall surrounding the churchyard for a sum not exceeding £3,000 plus VAT.
2. To consider adding the names of George Whayman, Ollie Clayton, George Lockwood, and Walter Dade to the War Memorial for a sum not exceeding

£600

