

Minutes of Environment Committee held at 19:00 on 4th October 2017 at Eye Town Hall

Persons present: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Kim Crispin, Cllr Colin Ribchester, Cllr Mike Smith, Cllr Mick Robins, Cllr John Blake, Cllr Jane Hudson.

- 1) No apologies.

Guest, John Barker

Mr Barker put a proposal to the committee to establish up a trust fund for the cemetery. This would allow the public to make donations, fund raise etc. All money would be spent on helping with the up-keep of the cemetery along with any work that needs doing.

This would be held and controlled by the Town Council Environment Committee. Mr Barker asked if this could be set up under charitable status.

Mick Robins to speak to Town Clerk on the matter.

Proposed subject to finding out about charitable status.

Proposed by Colin Ribchester and seconded by Mike Smith All in favour.

- 2) Minutes of the last meeting were agreed

- 3) Allotments

Cllr Cooper to re advertise allotments in the Eye magazine. Hoping this will get people interested.

- 3) Cemetery

Mike Smith informed the committee that the tree which was hit by lightning was what they called red wood and it doesn't rot, thinks this would make a great memorial piece, to show what damage lightning can do. Also seeded trees needing attention health and safety concerning branches.

Mike Smith also explained the idea of getting all the trees in the cemetery numbered, each tree would have a disc with a number on it and a record would be kept so that any trees needing or have had attention can be found easily,(no cost for discs with numbers).

Cllr Cooper, advised that an audit was required of the green cemetery in order to allocate two burial plots to a customer wishing to purchase them. Cllr Cooper and Town Clerk to complete when other priorities allow.

Cllr Cooper also expressed concern over the grass cuttings being left and not removed, Cllr Cooper to contact contractors over this matter.

4) Highways

Mike Smith expressed his concerns over the diverted traffic from road closures in the town.

Town Clerk to write letter to highways to check diverted roads were capable of taking excessive number of vehicles and traffic.

War memorial name Whayman, Town Clerk to follow up.

5) Risk Assessments

All councillors were asked to read and review the risks and actions. Agreed that all were current and accurate with the exception of the Skate Park.

Mike Smith pointed out that the skate park had got very slippery and needed re painting with non- slip paint. Cllr Ribchester to source paint.

Town Clerk to be asked to update the risk assessments for Full Council approval.

CCTV cameras were discussed about and how this would deter the on-going drug problem, all councillors agreed that buying two cameras for the skate park was a good idea. It should be noted that at the last Full Council meeting Cllr Burke agreed to bring a detailed report to Council for further consideration.

This is fully supported by the Environment Committee.

7) Reports and Updates

NONE

8) Any other business

Cllr Crispin reported that two people had made complaints about dog fouling on the footpath from Century Road to Ash Drive then down the hill to Wellington Road. Contacted mid Suffolk ref number R1F327144.

Cllr Crispin reported that she has been in close contact with the police on drugs issues.

Cllr Crispin reported that she had been contacting local businesses trying to get sponsor for the hanging baskets for next year.

8) Date of next meeting

7th of November meeting closed