

Minutes of Environment Committee held at 19:00 on 7th November 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.

Plus 2 members of the public.

- 1) No apologies.
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting were agreed
- 3) Allotments

Cllr Smith spoke regarding manure and woodchips and agreed to arrange for some woodchips to be delivered to the allotments for holders use.

Cllr Cooper stated that the rubbish had been cleared from the allotments.

A member of the public was concerned about dog fouling at the allotments. As the area is private land it difficult to enforce a dog fouling ban. The Environment Committee do patrol the allotments on a regular basis but do not have the power to issue fixed penalty notices. Allotment holders are reminded of their responsibilities under their allotment agreements. Comments were noted.

4) Cemetery

- 4.1 The yew tree damaged by lightening has been trimmed.
- 4.2 Green Cemetery Plan – Cllr Cooper, Cllr Robins and Town Clerk had visited the Green Cemetery but were unable to locate the metal markers as laid out four years ago. The Town Clerk has drawn up a cemetery plan to mark existing internments and purchased plots.
- 4.3 Cllr Smith stated that the beech tress would require work next year, he also mentioned cutting the ivy from the trees.
- 4.4 Christmas Tree in Chapel to be provided by Susan Whymark Funeral Services as previous years.
- 4.5 Cemetery Regulations – **to be discussed at next meeting.**

5) Highways

5.1 Parking – Cllr Hudson stated that the focus be on the on-road parking as opposed to the car parks. Member of the public suggested that it would be useful to gauge public opinion.

Action – Cllr Cooper to speak to Cllr Evitt regarding whether the Project Officer could investigate this for the Environment Committee.

Cllr Blake concerned that if charges were enforced for car parks that people would not be able to pay which would impact on local businesses.

Cllr Crispin suggested a public meeting after all options were investigated.

Member of the public commented on the pot holes in the Rookery.

5.2 Cllr Smith spoke regarding the speed camera's which require three more brackets and an additional battery. Agreed that these were required.

5.3 George Isaac Whayman's inscription has been added to the memorial. Painting of lettering should take place by the end of the week.

6) Reports and Updates

NONE

7) Any other business

Cllr Hudson spoke regarding installation of two CCTV camera's to be located at the Skate Park. The cost of the cameras is £1200 and infra-red lights at £300.

The Committee voted unanimously to install the cameras.

Resolution to full council to install cameras at skate park funded from a virement from Cemetery/Church cost code 148 Maintenance of Churchyard to new cost centre in Environment Parka to the sum of £1500.00

Cllr Hudson to look into Oak Crescent/Pocket Park to establish the safety standard for the flooring under play equipment.

Cllr Ribchester suggested that letters were sent to the owners of vehicles parking on the grass around Oak Crescent. Cllr Cooper informed that MSDC were already investigating.

8) Date of next meeting: 5th of December

Meeting closed