



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Environment Committee held on 2nd April at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall

Present: Cllrs Mick Robins, John Blake, Johnnie Walker, Mike Smith, Maryanne Henderson, Kim Crispin, Michael Burke, Richard Berry.

- 1. Apologies and Approval of Absences** - No apologies received
- 2. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 6th March.**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Voting of new chairman.

Cllr Mick Robins proposed Cllr Mike Smith as chair this was seconded by Cllr Johnnie Walker. All in favour.

4. Review the day or time of the meetings to agree a convenient schedule for all Councillors.

A discussion was held about the revised time of meeting. It was felt that an 8:00 pm start time was too late to begin due to the fact that the committee often meets at the allotments or the cemetery to then continue business at the Town Hall. The 8:00 pm start would compromise on daylight hours for these visits.

It was proposed by Cllr Mike Smith seconded Cllr Mick Robins to return to a 7:00 pm start. Passed with a majority.

5. Allotments

Cllr Mike Smith proposed to advertise allotment availability in the Eye to Eye magazine again.

Proposed a visit to the allotment for the next Environment Meeting. Town Clerk to supply map of existing allotment holders.

Cllr Mike Smith proposed investigating the costs of plastic sheeting to lay over empty allotments to kill of weeds in an environmentally friendly way.

6. Cemetery & Memorials

- Churchyard Wall

Cllr Berry gave an overview of the issues of the Churchyard wall and confirmed that Eye Town Council was responsible for its maintenance. There are Health and Safety concerns regarding the state of the wall. In touch with Adam Power Associates who will be commissioned to report on work required. Proposal to be presented at the next F&G meeting, Cllr Blake to represent at this meeting.

Cllr Burke suggested contacting Historic England for funds for repairs and maintenance.

Drainage issues at churchyard. There has been a build-up of water around the wall which need to be reported to the appropriate body.

7. Highways

- Kings Bridge, Cranley Green Road has issues with water seeping through the bridge structure. Concerns about the safety of the bridge. Issue to be reported to Suffolk Highways. This road floods on a regular basis due to the culverts being blocked.
- Co-op, Broad Street - Drain is blocked here which needs reporting.
- On-street parking – Along Broad Street, Eye. Issues with maintenance of these areas. No one is sure who is responsible for maintaining. Highways including the corridor and the footpaths are usually the responsibility of the Highways Authority e.g. Suffolk County Council. Clerk to be asked to identify who has the responsibility for maintaining. If the Town Council has legal responsibility for these areas the Council's Public Liability Insurance covers any claims. The insurance company will require a legal deed of responsibility before any claims will be paid. No budget provision has been made for maintenance.
- Speed Camera – Cllr Mike Smith to contact other Councils using the RadarLux speed camera to find out how to extract the data.

8. Reports and Updates

- Walkers are Welcome

John Blake gave a short summary about what Walkers are Welcome are doing in May for the launch of Eye as a Walkers are Welcome town.

- Cllr Mike Smith has obtained the timber for the bridge repairs in Town Moors.

9. Any other business

The Manager of the library has asked if the litter bin outside the library can be removed into the car park as concerned about domestic waste being left in the bin. Town Clerk to identify if the bin belongs to the Town Council or the District Council.

Michael Burke reported on the toilets. He is trying to put a report to MSDC regarding the state of the public toilet in Eye. Hoping that they might contribute to refurbishing the toilets to bring them up to standard. Also investigating other forms of funding for toilet provision.

Recent flooding has led to water running down Victoria Hill. This is due to a blocked culvert.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm

10. Next meeting 1st May 2018 @ 7:00 pm at Victoria Mill Allotments.