



## EYE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes from the Environment Committee of Eye Town Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm at Eye Town Hall, Council Chamber

**Present:** Cllr Smith, Walker, Hudson, Winter, Talbot, Henderson – Cllr Berry in attendance

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences - none
2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations – none received
3. Public questions and community announcements – 1 member of the public in attendance -George Hooker
4. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and received.

**Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Walker - All in favor.**

#### 5. Play & Skate Parks

5.1 Request to place defibrillator at the pocket park. No issues from SCC to fix a defib on the lamp post but advised that it will require a structural test to ensure that the post can take the wait. This will cost £110.00 + VAT. Cllr Smith to liaise with the member of the public who has donated the defib to discuss which is the most appropriate post and the plan to go forward.

5.2 Cllr Smith has requested quotes for replacement of equipment for the pocket park. The climbing frame is the only piece of equipment which needs replacing in addition to the matting.

5.3 Skate Park – the painting of the remaining ramps needs to be completed; volunteers required to help with this work.

5.4 Cllr Smith has been asked if benches could be put inside the play area. These could be resourced from the Welcome Back Fund.

#### 6. Allotments

6.1 Annual invoices to holders have been sent and payments are slowly being received.

6.2 Letter required to holders regarding placing the rubbish on the existing heaps, to inform that these are not for waste disposal.

6.3 Two further enquiries for new allotment holders have been received.

#### 7. Cemetery & Memorials

7.1 Sanctuary Garden. Correspondence circulated. Cllr Smith agreed to investigate this scheme in more detail and will report back to the committee.

7.2 Works to Chapel – update from Cllr Berry.

Quotations have been received from the Council's building contractor Paul Durrant.

Cllr Smith and Cllr Berry have completed a survey for works required to bring to chapels and cemetery area into good order. Paper copies were shared with the committee for discussion. Review at the next meeting.

## 8. Highways

### 8.1 Quiet Lanes project

Cllr Walker explained that he had received an approach from Yaxley Council to designate a road which comes into the Eye boundary. Agreed that there would be no objection to their application providing no cost implication to Eye.

### 8.2 Church Street – during Paddock House development.

No decision on works for Paddock House. Concerns raised around parking and traffic management during the demolition and construction for this site. Works are expected to start at the end of October for demolition, but this is still to be confirmed.

The main contract for construction of the development is due to start in August and the same issues will be raised then.

8.3 Parking in Lowgate Street – suggestion received from resident regarding no restrictions for parking on this street. This would compound the issues in the town with current HGV movements.

8.4 Cranley Green Circular walk – Cllr Smith has inspected the footpaths and agrees that they are very overgrown. The complainant has reported this on the highways reporting tool.

8.5 Request for Grit Bin at Oak Crescent – the Committee to carry out an inspection and report back to the next meeting with a proposal.

## 9. Public Toilet

The toilet flooring needs replacing as it is not practical to clean as it has an abrasive service. Alternative surface and costs to be identified for urgent action.

The Clerk reported that she had received several complaints about the cleanliness of the public toilets.

10. Reports and Updates – nothing to report.

## 11. Any other business

### 11.1 Eye Playing Field Association response \*\*\*

Draft letter in response to issues raised by the EPFA was circulated and discussed.

**Proposal to Full Council to consider the draft as presented and propose action.**

**Proposed Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker – All in favor.**

12. Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021