



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Environment Committee of Eye Town Council held on 2nd June at 7:00 pm as a remote meeting using Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Smith, Walker, Blake, Hudson, Potter, O'Mard also present Jamie Edwards MSDC and Wendy Alcock - Clerk

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences
2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations

None to declare

3. Public questions and community announcements

Two members of the public present with Cllr Potter.

Meeting closes for public participation.

Formal Meeting Agenda as follows: -

4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 5th May 2020

Proposed by Cllr Walker seconded by Cllr Hudson - all in favour.

5. Play & Skate Parks

Presentation from Jamie Edwards regarding options for the skate park. Speaking to users of the skate park he has identified that the reason people are not using the park is because of the surface which is described as a cheese grater.

Would advise not to fence the skate park in. As this makes park users territorial and evidence has shown that this increases anti-social behaviour. Would also encourage a simple, mixed use and visually open space.

Shared some images of different skate parks in Europe and the UK. These can be seen in Appendix A

Options for Funding – go fund me page for consultation. Once you identify the need this can then be used for larger funding opportunities through Sport England and Lotteries Trust. Groundwork.

Below are links recommended by Jamie for information: -

<https://www.skateboard-england.org/news/2019/10/24/story-of-how-to-get-funding-to-build-a-skatepark-in-the-uk>

<http://skateparkfoundation.org/raising-the-money.html>

<https://www.wheelscape.co.uk/funding-advice.php>

Ideas for the park were discussed. Cllr Smith would like to keep the ramps if they are sound. He is currently looking for quotations to resurface the existing area.

a) Safety inspection request for 2020

The Clerk explained that the request had been received for the annual inspection from MSDC for the Pocket Park and Skate Park.

Committee agreed to have the full annual inspection plus the additional life expectancy assessment on both parks.

6. Allotments

Cllr Smith reported that two new allotment holders taking 4 plots between them. This leaves 18 plots vacant.

An allotment holder reported some vandalism on his plot.

7. Cemetery & Memorials

Cllr Smith is still trying to identify the stop cock for the cemetery which still doesn't have water.

Grass cutting is working well and to the contract specification.

Wildflower meadow – work is progressing with this area.

Tree Planting – TLC required on the seedlings to give them some water. Asked for volunteers to help with this task. Cllr Smith to advise when this will take place.

8. Highways

- a. Review of road closure signage – not sure that we have the correct signage for road closure. Cllr Smith and Cllr Walker to carry out an audit and report back.

Cllr Smith is planning an article for the Eye Magazine regarding trimming back hedges once the birds have finished nesting particularly around Ludgate Causeway.

9. Public Toilet

- a) Update on refurbishments

The accessible toilet is near completion and ladies and gents are planned to be completed by the end of June. Awaiting guidance from MSDC on opening the toilet guidelines.

10. Reports and Updates

- a) Review of fees and charges 2020/21

The Cemetery fees had been benchmarked last year and the Clerk reported that they were in-line still with other service providers. Committee agreed that they should remain the same.

Allotment have not been increased in over 5 years. Cllr Smith has look at other allotment fees and Eye is well below the average for similar plots in neighbouring parishes. For example, the fees for a plot in Diss is £30.00 whereas our average cost is £21.00.

It is therefore proposed that Full Council approves the recommendation to increase the allotment fees as follows: -

Eye Residents £2.50 per rod

Non-Eye Residents £3.50 per rod

Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Blake - all in favour.

11. Any other business

No other business

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

12. Next meeting 7th July 2020

Appendix A



Barcelona



Barcelona



**TURN THIS UNUSED
BASKETBALL COURT**

**INTO A SMOOTH FLAT
SKATESPOT!
(LAYOUT SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DEPENDING ON FUNDS RAISED
AND CONSULTATION.)**

Plans for Bristol crowd funded site.