



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Smith, Walker Henderson

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Potter, Cllr Hudson

2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations

None received.

3. Public questions and community announcements

Meeting closes for public participation.

Formal Meeting Agenda as follows: -

4. The minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th October were received and confirmed.

Proposed Cllr Smith, Seconded by Cllr Henderson all in favour

5. Play & Skate Parks

5.1 Annual Safety Inspections

The reports as supplied were discussed by the committee. Cllr Smith reported that no immediate works required, to be reviewed in the new year when the plans to move the location of the skatepark was confirmed.

Harris fencing has not been ordered yet. Cllr Smith to check the stock levels with the supplier before the order is placed by the Clerk.

6. Allotments

6.1 Invoices being paid slowly; the due date was the 31st October. There are eleven allotment holders yet to pay the 2020/21 fees. The Clerk will be sending reminders to outstanding debtors.

7. Cemetery & Memorials

7.1 The committee confirmed the decision made regarding the cemetery fees and charges for 2020/21 to remain the same as the previous year.

7.2 Cllr Smith would like to arrange a date for a working party for to commence a general tidy up of the cemetery. This would need to be after the lockdown period in December.

7.3 Cllr Smith would like to replace the tree which was struck by lightning with a new sapling. This could be funded with sponsorship. Cllr Smith to follow up opportunities.

7.4 It has been confirmed by MSDC that cemeteries can remain open during the current lockdown restrictions and interments can still take place providing they meet the current government requirements. The Chapel at the cemetery is also to be kept open during the lockdown. To ensure that the chapel is Covid safe a hand sanitiser device is going to be installed and signs erected instructing users of social distancing.

8. Highways

8.1 Town Signs – Following a discussion the committee did not feel that it could currently support this project. Funds are very limited the Council cannot fund the replacement of the signs at this time. It was noted that road signs are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council and will be taking this matter up with the incoming County Councillor.

8.2 Cllr Smith reported that the Footpath to the cemetery is still in a bad state and unsafe. Cllr Gould is chasing the County Council for a further clearance.

8.3 Cllr Smith reported that the bollard near the Kerrison memorial on Broad Street should be repaired today.

8.4 Cllr Henderson reported that the pathway from Church to Pennings is hedge/fence from the neighbouring property is overhanging and making it difficult to walk on the pavement. Cllr Smith to talk to the resident before taking more formal action.

9. Public Toilet

9.1 The Clerk reported that the toilet cleaning vacancy has been filled and the new cleaner would be starting on Friday 5th November.

9.2 A review of the toilet cleaning hourly rate was proposed to bring the toilet cleaners in line with the street carer. This will be taken to F&G by Cllr Smith at its meeting this Thursday.

10. Risk Assessment Review 2020 responsibility agreed as follows: -

- Cemetery/Church yard – Cllr Smith assisted by Cllr Walker and Cllr Henderson
- Allotments – Cllr Smith
- Friday Market/Street Management – Cllr Walker
- Playpark/Skateboard Assessments – Cllr Potter

11. Reports and Updates

11.2 Paddock House gardens – no news heard regarding moving the fence back to allow work on the green area. Cllr Henderson to chase up her contact at MSDC.

11.3 Application received for a market stall for the Friday Market selling cakes. Councillors raised concerns regarding the loss of parking spaces and social distancing for shoppers by having an additional stall in the existing market footprint. Due to the start of the government lockdown restrictions tomorrow the committee isn't able to make a full assessment of the space available until

these cease on the 2nd December. They felt that they would need to defer their decision until after this date.

12. Any other business

PHS – confirmation email to be changed to the Clerk.

13. Next meeting 1st December 2020