



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment Committee of Eye Town Council
held on 4th February 7:00 pm
at the Town Hall, Council Chamber, Eye, Suffolk**

Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker; Cllr Hudson, Cllr Blake; Cllr Henderson

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Minute taker** agreed as Cllr Henderson
- 3. Minutes** from the previous meeting were agreed.
- 4. ETC Allotments**

Cllr Smith has sent final notices to all those allotment Holders who have not yet paid for the year, no responses received yet. Agreed allotments will be taken back if payments are not received by end of February. Charges will not increase in 2020. A meeting with the allotment holders group to be held at end of February in the council chamber. Cllr Smith to send out invites.

5. Cemetery & memorials

A decision will be made regarding the grass-cutting contract once tender applications have been received by ETC.

Cllr Smith outlined the possibility to widen the entrance to the site to make it easier for vehicles to enter, by removing the iron gates. These could be stored in the chapel.

Cllr Hudson reported more verbal concerns from relatives about fallen headstones. The possibility of setting up a trust for relatives to make donations for the upkeep of family graves was raised. This would be overseen by ETC. Agreed to discuss at the next meeting alongside the policy needed to clarify procedures for relatives to upkeep graves.

6. Highways

Cllr Smith has received complaints about the quality of some repairs on some roads in Eye. He will email Cllr Guy McGregor about this and request he addresses this at the next ETC meeting.

It was agreed that ETC should not take on responsibility for the streetlight at Maple Way

It was agreed that the committee will review which street lights ETC is responsible for need immediate attention to change to LED bulbs, and plan work accordingly over a period of time.

7. Pocket Park and Skate Park

Cllr Smith reported that fencing around the pocket park is in need of repair, and the aim is to keep the play area safe and open to the public.

8. Public Toilets

Work to renovate the disabled toilet is starting this month. Cllr Smith has met with the plumber and Electrician to agree works. This work will be coordinated with the separate work by MSDC to install the EV charging point at cross street car park.

9. Reports and Updates

9.1 EV charging point - It was agreed ETC should coordinate a launch event in March once installation is complete. Agreed the Events Committee will coordinate this with other partners including MSDC, East of England Co-op, Eye Goes Green and Peter Gudde. Cllr Smith has asked Peter Gudde to conduct a feasibility study to erect solar panels on the roof of the renovated public toilets.

9.2 Risk Assessments - It was agreed risk assessments will be completed by 7th February as follows: Cllr Hudson to undertake the market; Cllr Walker to undertake Street furniture; Cllr Smith to undertake Cemetery and churchyard; Cllr Blake to undertake Allotments. Results will be reported to the ETC meeting in February.

10) Any Other Business

Agreed to discuss the letter regarding dog mess cleaning machine at the next meeting to allow time to get more information.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday March 3rd 2020