



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Talbot (19:10) and guest Cllr Berry.

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Potter reported difficulties joining the meeting.

2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations. None received.

3. Public questions and community announcements – No members of the public present.

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

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

5. Play & Skate Parks

Clerk reported that she had received a phone call to say the Bury skate park was open and why Eye's was not. The current Government guidance is still for skateparks to remain closed during the current lockdown. One to one coaching may take place maintaining social distancing and hygiene protocols. Cllr Smith reported that there is a repair required to the skate park on the ramps to make them safe if we are to reopen. This was highlighted in last year's Safety report.

5.1 Sign for Skatepark

Cllr Potter shared a photo taken of the current skate park sign. Agreed to review when the park is allowed to reopen from the current restrictions.

6. Allotments

Cllr Smith reported that two quotations had been received for works to clear and make good the two plots which have been left in a poor state from previous tenants.

Agreed to proceed with the quotation from the Council's current grass cutting contractors Mortimer's which had provided the cheapest quote which included disposal costs.

Proposed Cllr Hudson, Seconded Cllr Henderson - All in favour

7. Cemetery & Memorials

7.1 Planned maintenance for chapels

7.2 Storage provision for cemetery

These two items were taken together. Cllr Berry presented his report which had been previously circulated. Recommendations from the report as follows: -

Proposal to Full Council to consider allocating a financial provision to purchase and put into position a secure container on site at a sum not exceeding £2,000 from the Covid Grant funding received for the cemetery.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Walker - All in favour

That the Council receives a costed proposal from the Council's term maintenance contractors to undertake renovation works to both chapels not to be attempted by volunteers.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

That Council investigates changing the use of the left-hand chapel to form a community use facility subject to planning constraints. To concentrate this project to be developed by the young people of Eye under the sponsorship of Eye Town Council.

Proposed Cllr Smith, Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

Cllr Smith has identified a site for a container, which is discrete to the left of the cemetery against the boundary.

Cllr Smith has met with the wildflower seed provider for the remaining plans for the meadow areas.

Cllr Smith has obtained a quote for the cemetery drive which needs some maintenance awaiting a second quotation and will bring back to the committee for approval.

Clerk reported that she had received an enquiry about a green burial. The family would like to choose a plot, if someone could meet them at the cemetery. Cllr Smith agreed.

They have also asked Susan Whymark if they can carry out the interment themselves without the funeral home involvement. The Committee had reservations regarding granting this request and wanted to confirm on insurance and details on what precautions would be made for the interment. Cllr Smith to check with the family when he contacts them about the location of the plot and the clerk to clear insurance position with our insurers.

8. Highways

Pavement clearance from Magdalen Street to the cemetery is still to be completed.

Cllr Smith wants to put an article in the Eye Magazine to ask residents to keep footpaths clear of overhanging hedges from their properties.

The Committee is concerned about the state of the pavements as no weed spraying has taken place this year.

Lambseth street full of potholes. Incidents should be reported on the highway's website.

9. Public Toilet

The Clerk reported that she had received a text compliment regarding the toilets and their cleanliness. Cllr Smith had also received a compliment.

10. Risk Assessment Review Approval 2020

10.1 Allotments Risk Assessment

10.2 Cemetery Risk Assessment

10.3 Churchyard Risk Assessment

10.4 Market Risk Assessment

10.5 Street Management Risk Assessment

The Clerk reminded that the risk assessments need to be approved by Full Council at its March meeting at the latest to meet our audit requirements.

11. Reports and Updates.

11.2 Review of Environment Fees and Charges.

The current fees and charges had been previously circulated to members. It was discussed that in the current climate it was not felt appropriate to increase these for 2021/22

To be reported to Full Council for noting.

12. Any other business

Cllr Henderson wished to carry out a litter pick of Ludgate Causeway following debris left from recent flooding. The Clerk to arrange for collection of the litter with MSDC.

13. Next meeting 2nd March 2021 – meeting closes at 8:10.