



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Potter, Cllr Talbot.

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences
2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations – none
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 2nd February 2021.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Henderson - All in favour

5. Play & Skate Parks

5.1 COVID restrictions update.

The Government roadmap to recovery has now been published. Skate Parks and other outdoor sports facilities can re-open from the 29th March.

Before the skate park can re-open the remedial work to the ramps has to be completed for health and safety reasons. Cllr Smith has obtained a quotation for this work which can be met from within existing budgets. Committee is minded to approve the works as quoted by Frank Davy Ltd.

Cllr Smith to give the go ahead for the work preferably by the end of March.

Cllr Potter proposed a management committee led by users of the skate park to maintain the area once it is opened.

The Clerk has checked with SALC whether this type of Committee is permissible under The Parish and Community Council (Committees) Regulation. There are no age restrictions on non-Councillor committee members, and they will have no voting rights. The Committee should have a Terms of Reference and must be formally adopted by Full Council.

Propose formation of a subcommittee within the Environment Committee of users of the skate park. This committee will manage the skate park, control appropriate use, keep clear of litter etc. Terms of reference to follow subject to approval.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

5.2 Play Park.

Part of the fence has been kicked out. The climbing wall has now become unsafe and should be removed. Cllr Smith to arrange removal. Until a replacement has been found.

6. Allotments

Work has commenced on clearing the two unused allotments which have become derelict. Two transit loads of waste has been removed. Happy with the work completed so far. A complaint had been received regarding the bonfire which the contractors had started to clear the green waste. Some hazardous waste has also been identified which has been disposed of safely.

Enquiries are being received for new allotments. Particularly for smaller plots, Cllr Henderson suggested getting in touch with Eye Growers who can offer assistance and give a share of one of the three plots they rent.

7. Cemetery & Memorials

7.1 Potential flooding in Divisions 6&7

Cllr Smith reported that the waste soiled piled from previous burial is causing flooding during heavy rain. A channel needs to be dug to allow water to run through.

7.2 Quotation for cemetery drive.

Two quotations have now been received for the works to the cemetery drive. Committee is minded to accept the quotation received from Frank Davey.

7.3 Wildflower Meadow.

Cllr Smith has the seeds for the wildflower areas in three sections of the cemetery.

Committee in agreement with this.

7.4 Memorial tree to be purchased for the memorial garden.

7.5 Investigate options for "Friends of Eye Cemetery". Cllr Smith to follow up with the Project Co-Ordinator.

7.6 Increased interest in the green cemetery reported.

8. Highways

8.1 Request for grit bin in Langton Grove.

The Clerk has received a request from a member of the public for a new grit bin in Langton Grove to be located near the Mulberry Bush Nursery. The application form to Suffolk County Council has been previously circulated to Councillors. The cost of the bin can be met within existing budgets.

The Committee is recommended to make the application for the new bin to Suffolk County Council.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

Cllr Smith has also received a request for a grit bin on Dove Road. Cllr Smith to identify the location for the Clerk to submit an application to Suffolk County Council.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Henderson - All in favour

8.2 Cllr Smith has received several complaints about overhanging vegetation at The Rookery. These have been added to the highways reporting tool.

Clerk to make a report on the highways reporting tool of this issue.

9. Public Toilet

No major issues to report.

10. Risk Assessment Review Approval 2020

- 10.1 Allotments Risk Assessment (Cllr Smith)
- 10.2 Cemetery Risk Assessment (Cllr Smith/Cllr Walker)
- 10.3 Churchyard Risk Assessment (Cllr Smith)
- 10.4 Market Risk Assessment (Cllr Walker)
- 10.5 Street Management Risk Assessment (Cllr Walker)

Propose to Full Council that they accept the Risk Assessment listed above subject to the changes discussed at this meeting.

Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour

11. Reports and Updates.

Cllr Potter reported that the footpath behind the Town Hall was extremely slippery. Clerk to report on the SCC Highways report it system. Cllr Potter to report also.

Cllr Smith reported that the healing and memorial wood is still being proposed for Town Moors. A meeting to be arranged with Suffolk County Council once Covid restrictions can allow. Cllr Smith asked if the committee was happy for him to continue to liaise with SCC on this project. All were in agreement.

Paddock Gardens – Mid Suffolk require more detail on the design plans for the gardens including railings, brick wall, pathing, and protection of the existing plants.

12. Any other business – none to report.

13. Next meeting 6th April 2021