



# EYE TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes for the Virtual Environment Committee of Eye Town Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm as a remote meeting using Zoom.

**Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Potter & 4 members of the public.**

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Talbot, Cllr Henderson.

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

3. Public questions and community announcements

Adrian Beatty – Would like to add thoughts on the discussion for moving the skate park regarding the location proposed and the current location. Concerned about issues on ASB at the current location which may have greater impact moving nearer to residential areas. Agrees with involving the users in the management of the youth Council but feels that the trustees should be consulted in the process for appointment.

Kim Crispin – Agrees with some of the points made by Mr Beatty but is unsure of the best way to move forward with the development. Pleased to work with the idea of the Youth Council but careful consideration should be given to the appointment of members. Would like to defer any decisions on the skate park from being made this evening until further discussions can be held.

Robert Rothwell – Nothing further to add to the email sent to the Clerk.

Meeting closes for public participation.

Formal Meeting Agenda as follows: -

4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

**Proposed Cllr Walker Second Cllr Hudson - All in favour**

5. Play & Skate Parks

5.1. Concerns regarding possible re-location of skate park.

Cllr Smith reported that the area currently occupied by the Pétanque court had been suggested by the Community Centre Trustees as a possible new location for the skate park. This was to improve the skatepark facility currently not possible in its current location. Requests had been received from parents who felt it would be helpful to have all the play areas close together to keep watch over children using different facilities.

After consultation with Mid Suffolk District Council and listening to the residents' concerns in the immediate area the Council will no longer be considering this as an alternative site.

## 5.2 Terms of Reference for Eye Skate Park Youth Council

Agreed to defer the recommendation to Full Council until further discussion have been held with the Community Centre Trustees. An extra ordinary meeting of the Environment Committee can then be held if necessary for a recommendation to Full Council at its April meeting.

5.3 Cllr Smith has had feedback from two companies able to provide paint to cover the ramps at the skate park. He hopes to receive a quotation shortly. For application, the ramps need to be stripped back to metal. This will be at additional resources and costs.

5.4 Pocket Park, Oak Crescent – two items of equipment need to be removed and replaced.

## 6. Allotments

### 6.1 Update on new allotment holders.

Three more new allotment holders have taken on vacant plots.

- i. The Clerk reported that one of the allotment holders had requested to have a chicken run on their plot.

The Committee felt that they would have no objection to keeping chickens providing they are for the tenant's own use and not for business or profit.

The guidance as given in the National Allotment Society leaflet must be complied with.

- ii. Cllr Smith reported that a notice for allotment holders to cover the water butts is required.

## 7. Cemetery & Memorials

- i. Cllr Smith reported that the potholes have been filled in the driveway.
- ii. The wildflower meadow will be seeded during April.
- iii. First repairs have been made to the Chapel. Quotations to be obtained for enhanced maintenance work to the first and second chapel will be shared with the Committee. Looking for grant funding to assist with this work.
- iv. Storage Container for the cemetery. The price has increased due to the location for the contained as it would require a road closure.

Clerk to write to the Manager of the Church Street Co-op to see if the container they are currently using for storage would be available once their proposed extension is complete.

### 7.1 Green Cemetery Policy review.

The review of the Green Cemetery Policy was agreed to recommend to Full Council for approval.

## **Proposed Cllr Smith Second Cllr Walker - All in favour**

### 8. Highways

The Rookery has been reported on the on-line tool. Clerk to follow up on report.

### 9. Public Toilet

Issues with people in the mens toilet using the floor instead of the toilet.

Cllr Walker has had three phone calls to report incidents.

Clerk to investigate signs for the toilet for gents and ladies.

### 10. Reports and Updates.

11.1 Carbon Reduction Plan – Cllr Henderson unable to attend. Agreed to defer until the next meeting.

11.2 Cessation of remote meetings from 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Clerk explained that remote meetings were not permissible after the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Pressure is still being applied to government to review their decision not to extend the legislation. The Committee needs to decide what it wishes to do with meetings up to the 21<sup>st</sup> June when the COVID restrictions will be removed.

The next scheduled meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> May so this can continue as a remote meeting. The next meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Options are to:-

- i. Hold the meeting in person at the Town Hall main hall to allow social distancing after completing a full risk assessment ensuring safety of Councillors and members of the public.
- ii. Cancel the 1<sup>st</sup> June meeting and request delegated powers to the Chair/Vice Chair during the 4<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> July when meetings can be held in person without restrictions.

Committee proposed to go ahead with option ii to cancel the June meeting unless there is a change to the legislation for holding remote meetings. Propose to Full Council that delegated powers are given to the Chair/Vice Chair during the absence.

Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Hudson. All in favour

### 11. Any other business

12. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.