



# EYE TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Environment Committee of Eye Town Council to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00 pm at Eye Town Hall, Council Chamber

**Present: Cllr Smith, Hudson, Talbot, Walker, Winter**

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Henderson.

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

None declared.

3. Public questions and community announcements

No members of the public present.

Formal Meeting Agenda as follows: -

4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Walker, Seconded by Cllr Talbot – all in favour.

5. Play & Skate Parks

### **Skate Park**

The school have completed the mural on the skate park ramps. So far mixed reviews have been received from members of the public and the Trustees of the Community Centre.

Consensus of the committee was that it was appropriate for the age group that the skate park is aimed at.

The Trustees have asked for a meeting with the Environment Committee to discuss the skate park. A date of the 26<sup>th</sup> July has been suggested. The Environment Committee would like to have some feedback on progress with the new play area.

The Committee discussed options to improve the park to make a better, safer experience.

Costings to be provided for the Project Co Ordinator to identify funding opportunities.

### **Play Park**

Redundant play equipment needs to be removed or made safe. The fencing requires some repairs. Cllr Smith to obtain some quotations for repairs for bids to 2021/22 budget or other funding opportunities.

The question was asked if the new persimmon development would provide a play area. Cllr Walker to ask at the next meeting with the developers.

## 6. Allotments

### 6.1 Review of allotment agreement

After a discussion it was proposed to approve the agreement as presented.

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

Cllr Smith reported that the new allotment holders were keeping the plots tidy.

Cllr Smith reported that he would need to light a bonfire as people are flytipping on the existing tip. Unfortunately, he wouldn't be able to say what day because it would depend on the wind direction blowing away from the residential houses. Agreed to write to residents to give them notice (2-3 weeks) of when it might happen.

## 7. Cemetery & Memorials

Wildflower area has been cleared and stripped off, a further area near the chapels has been identified to sew in the future.

Quotations for work to the chapel improvements are being sort. Cllr Smith explained the ideas for changes to the chapels.

### 7.1 Review of interment form

After a discussion, the interment form as presented was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Walker all in favour.

### 7.2 Consideration of Council Grave digger.

After a discussion it was felt that although having a Council Grave digger would have benefits of having greater control over the digging of graves it would increase the administration of the cemetery service. It would not be viable when the cemetery only had 1-2 burials per month. Therefore, the committee agreed not to pursue this at the moment.

## 8. Highways

There is a safety issue with hedging along Victoria Hill, Cllr Smith to let Clerk know the exact location to add to the highway's portal.

An issue has also been raised with regard to hedging at the entrance to Century Road causing an obstruction. Cllr Smith has requested that the neighbourhood watch log the incident on the SCC portal as it is their responsibility to clear.

8.1 Reserving space for the market. New sign required.

Agreed that a new sign is required. Clerk to investigate an A frame sign for the Handyman to put out Thursday evenings.

8.2 Member of the public wishing to take part in the Community Self-Help Scheme.

Further signs are required before work can commence and then an application for works will need to be made to SCC. Clerk to update the member of the public.

## 9. Public Toilet

Deep clean is required before the floors can be repainted with a smooth paint which will allow cleaning. Cllr Smith to give the Clerk a contact at PHS to make enquiries.

The lifting of COVID restrictions were discussed and whether this would still require a mid-day clean and check of the public toilets by staff. The Clerk to make contact with the district council to find out what changes they will be making post 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## 10. Reports and Updates.

None received.

## 11. Any other business

Cllr Walker reported that Pauline Diamonds Community Litter pick was a success. They will continue to do a monthly litter pick.

## 12. Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Meeting closed at 20:45.