



## EYE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Environment Committee of Eye Town Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7:00 pm as a remote meeting using Zoom.

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Present: Cllrs Smith, Walker, O'Mard, Potter, Henderson

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences – Cllr Blake
2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations

None

3. Public questions and community announcements

No members of the public present.

Meeting closes for public participation.

Formal Meeting Agenda as follows: -

4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (attached).

Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr O'Mard. All in favour.

5. Play & Skate Parks

Skate Park – Cllr Smith is receiving calls regarding noise from the parks. The annual safety inspector suggested that the structures could be filled with sand which reduces the noise. Cllr Smith to obtain a quote to fill the ramps with sand for the interim period until a new park is built. Requested permission to obtain quotations – all in agreement.

Play Area – the fence around the park is getting unstable. The annual inspector informed Cllr Smith that the park did not legally need a fence enclosing the area. The climbing wall may need some investment shortly to continue to make it compliant. Cllr Smith wanted to judge usage of the park before embarking on a replacement program.

The Community Centre proposed that the new skate park be moved nearer to the play area. Cllr Smith to liaise with Cllr Potter regarding the layout with the new play area.

6. Allotments

Currently great demand, Cllr Smith has two pending viewings and one further enquiry.

Cllr Smith has contacted Eye Gardens to get a quote for clearance of the two overgrown plots.

The water tanks require some repairs before the winter as these are currently dangerous. Cllr Smith will be putting in a quote for this work and will be declaring his interest.

## 7. Cemetery & Memorials

Ground is nearly prepared to put the wildflower seed in the ground.

Water supply at cemetery is still off. Additional work is required to the supply, Cllr Smith will pick this work up when his workload allows.

Mr Barker has complained that the ashes section is not being maintained to a high standard. Cllr Smith to speak to the contractors.

## 8. Highways

Issues with hedges out of control. Clerk asked to send a reminder of landowner's responsibilities on Facebook and Town magazine.

Disabled spaces on the road not very well marked. On-going project with Cllr McGregor to upgrade the road markings however, the costs of completing this would be approximately £11,000 and we would lose an additional parking space to mark the disabled bays to the appropriate size.

Complaints received about speeding in the Town. Speed watch is being taken over by the police.

## 9. Public Toilet

A disabled person had called Cllr Smith, praised the condition of the toilet. Gave feedback on the position of the toilet paper dispenser which isn't accessible to people with some disabilities.

Good reports received on the toilets although there has been some misuse of the toilets which has caused additional work for the cleaner.

Issues with cleaning the floor because it has a rough surface. Investigating the purchase of a specialist cleaning machine.

Cllr Smith reported that no applications have been received for the cleaning position. Looking into the possibility of having a contracted service for the cleaning. Cllr Gould is investigating the possibility of working in partnership with MSDC.

## 10. Management of Paddock House Garden.

Cllr Henderson reported that a small committee are working on plans to restore the green space at the Paddock House site.

ETC need to produce a management plan for this green space to be included in MSDC's Open Space Management Plan. The plan should state that ETC will be responsible for management and maintenance of the area once the development is complete.

The committee currently comprises of seven volunteers who wish to be involved ongoing with the development and maintenance of the garden including attendance of this committee.

Cllr Henderson has contacted the Scouts to see if they would be interested in helping with the maintenance. The leaders are very interested but due to the current restrictions the groups are not meeting.

No work will take place on the development until at the earliest June 2021. The planning application made provision to protect the existing plants/trees whilst building work takes place. Cllr Smith keen to ensure that this is adequate.

When the proposed drawing is available Cllr Henderson would like to use this as a consultation document to find out what the people of Eye would like in the area.

**Propose that Eye Town Council will produce a landscape proposal on behalf of MSDC for the green space to the front (adjoining Church Street) of the Paddock House site and will accept responsibility for the planting and associated maintenance of this area thereafter.**

**Proposed by Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour**

11. Reports and Updates

No reports.

12. Any other business

13. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm