



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes Environment Committee of Eye Town Council
held on 14th January 7:00 pm
at the Town Hall, Council Chamber, Eye, Suffolk**

Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker; Cllr Hudson, Cllr Blake; Cllr Henderson
Members of the public - Colin Grovenor; Mark Stannard

- 1) Apols: None
- 2) Cllr Henderson agreed to take minutes for Environment Committee meetings
- 3) Not available

4) ETC Allotments

Some allotment holders have not paid since Oct 2019. Agreed Cllr Smith will send final notices to all those individuals it concerns. Agreed a meeting with the allotment holders group to be held at end of February in the council chamber. Cllr Smith to send out invites.

5) Cemetery & memorials

Agreed the grass cutting contract will include a clause requiring the contractor to cut branches back by 3m to enable hearse vehicles to pass more easily into the grounds. The current contractor has not fulfilled all work outlined in the contract, agreed Cllr Smith will contact them to discuss requirements. It was agreed the contract for cutting grass should change to 4 times per year. Savings could be made elsewhere to pay for the additional work. Cllr smith will send agreed changes to the town clerk to amend the contract document, to be taken to F & G committee in February for approval.

Mark Stannard expressed concern to the committee about the number of older headstones that have fallen over. Cllr smith explained that most are extremely heavy and need specialist equipment to lift them. Repairs to headstones are the responsibility of family relatives. Agreed a policy is needed to clarify how individuals and families can repair or change headstones, agreed to carry this item forward to the next committee meeting.

Some graves have sunk, and require more soil adding. Cllr smith explained the cause is due to the type of coffin used, with cardboard, wicker and other 'green' burial materials disintegrating faster. Agreed the Cemetery Regulations needs to be updated to take account of this and ensure funeral directors act accordingly with their contractors.

6) Highways

Cllr Smith clarified that SCC is responsible for maintaining the trees in Gaye Crescent. Cllr Smith will discuss this with SCC to ensure they are pruned this spring.

7) Skate Park

Cllr Smith met with MSDC officer at the site to review the most appropriate actions to safeguard the site and its users, and secure it into the future. This includes the possibility to resurface the area to reduce noise, add in modern equipment for skaters to use; and make changes to existing ramps. Agreed an outline proposal with indicative costs is needed from the Environment Committee to be taken by Cllr Smith to F & G committee for discussion.

The gate to the Pocket park has now been repaired.

8) Public Toilets

Work to renovate the disabled toilet is due to start on 4th Feb 2020. ETC is to advertise for a new weekend cleaner following the resignation of the current cleaner. It was proposed that the cleaner will undertake training to enable them to complete regular formal risk assessments of the toilets and skatepark area.

9) Reports and Updates

Risk assessments of the market place, skate park pocket park and street furniture will be completed by 31st January.

10) Other items

Two people are needed to erect street signs for Eye events such as Open Gardens.

New bollards are needed for the car parking area in the market place. Cllr McGregor may be able to provide funding from SCC. Cllr Smith to request this.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday Feb 4th 2020