

## Environment Committee

### Minutes of meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Town Council Chamber Eye

**Persons present** : Cllr Alan Cooper (chairman), Cllrs M Smith, C Byles, J Hudson, C Ribchester and Town Clerk. No members of the public were present.

- 1. Chapels renovation in the Cemetery.** Cllr Byles reported the first part of the work has been completed on the Chapel which is in most need of renovation and within the contract price. The work of putting plastic in front of the windows and repairing a rotten sill which commences on Thursday and next week work will commence on the Chapel which is in fairly good condition.
- 2. Street lights** update. This will be presented to the Committee in February.
- 3. Allotments** – there was discussion about the shed break-ins which occurred before Christmas. Generally agreed there is an ongoing problem because the allotments are in an isolated site and it is relatively easy to break into a shed. The lack of police manpower was noted. The Town Clerk informed allotment holders of the break ins and the need to be alert and make sheds secure. It was also noted there was only half an allotment vacant.
- 4. Wellington Rd** – this will be discussed at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee when Cllr McGregor and SCC Highways staff will be present.
- 5. The Churchyard wall** – the need to find out when the churchyard was closed was noted and the correct formalities completed . The Town Clerk and Cllr Byles will look at previous minutes of Eye Town Council held at the County Records office to find out more information.
- 6. Cllr Robins** continuing ill health was noted and it was hoped he will be able to attend the Council meeting later this month.
- 7. Cemetery Leaflets** – spellings are being checked.
- 8. Barrier across a footpath in Ash Drive** – to be discussed with Highways at the March meeting.

9. **Skate Board Park** – Cllr Ribchester is waiting for samples of paint to arrive.
10. **The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Agreed a beacon should be lit and Cllr Smith offered to provide faggots for the fire. It was also considered that possibly this would provide an opportunity for some sort of fund raising event at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk agreed to liaise about this with Events Committee.
11. **The roadway to the allotments** – agreed that in the event of planning consent being granted to develop adjoining land as houses this roadway should become a bridle way and be surfaced by the developer as it will be a major pathway linking the development with the town of Eye.
12. Cllr Cooper reported that the company operating the **Clothes Bank in Eye** has gone into liquidation. He has instructed the Crispins to remove all clothes from the Clothes Bank to avoid the rats etc. The Crispins who operate the dump in Eye will look after the Clothes Bank but it will mean a loss in income to the Girl Guides of Eye.
13. Cllr Ribchester noted that the surface of the pavement outside **32 Ash Drive** is cracked. The Town Clerk will contact SCC to inform them.
14. Risk Assessments: Cllr Byles and Smith to check the Cemetery and Churchyard risk assessments, Cllr Ribchester will carry out the allotment risk assessment , the rest will be carried out by the Town Clerk with help from appropriate members of staff.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm