

Environment Committee

People present : Alan Cooper, Jane Hudson Caroline Byles
Mick Robbins Mike Smith – ex officio
Roz Barnett – Town Clerk

Venue Town Hall 7pm 13th January 2015

1. **Apologies** were received from Colin Ribchester and Linda Cummins
2. **A policy on allowing individual street lights to remain on** – it was resolved to recommend to Eye Town Council that any request to keep a particular street light on must be in writing and shall only be allowed if in the opinion of the Environment Committee there is a genuine safety issue which would be addressed by keeping on a particular street light(s).
3. **Lorry Speed Watch.** The issue of large lorries driving through Eye was discussed and it was agreed that the problem had worsened recently. There appear to be two issues (a) Lorries driving too fast especially along Cranley Road and (b) lorries driving through Eye when they should not be as most of Eye is access only. It was resolved to ask the police for details of the volunteers who have emailed her saying they are interested in forming a Lorry Speed Watch and to request the volunteers to form a Lorry Speed Watch Group which the Environment Committee would support as they have done with Twenties Plenty.
4. **Mobile Speed Signs** – it was resolved to recommend joining this scheme which will cost £3,000 for mobile speed signs which can be moved around Eye by trained volunteers and to ask the County Councillor for a contribution from his locality budget.
5. **Tenders for Landscaping** – it was noted this was a good idea and worth pursuing. The Town Clerk was requested to send out the draft Tender documents to all members of the Environment Committee to make a decision on at the next meeting.
6. **Cemetery Paths and roadways** it was noted that these paths and roadways have pot holes. Councillor Cooper has access to some road chippings for £3.50 per ton. The issue was discussed and it was considered that a motorised roller could be borrowed from the Community Centre in Eye and used by volunteers to roll the chippings into place. This work would have to be carried out in dry weather. It was decided first of all the Town Clerk should contact Richard Porter of Highways for advice as to whether this was a feasible idea and to request a resolution to Eye Town Council allowing a spend of £200 on this item
7. **Light by the walk in cupboard at the Public Toilet** – Karl and his mother have requested this on health and safety grounds and the Committee agreed it was a sensible request as the area around the walk in cupboard is very dark in winter and the Town Clerk was asked to obtain three quotes for a light.

- 8. Risk Assessments** – shared out between the members of the Environment Committee and to be reported on at the February meeting. The Town Clerk will send the churchyard risk assessment to the church wardens. Cllr Cooper, Mick Robbins and Mike Smith will do the risk assessments for the allotments, the cemetery. Cllrs Hudson and Byles will do the risk assessments for the Pocket Park and the skateboard park. Cllr Byles and the Town Clerk will do the risk assessment for the Market. Cllr Ribchester to be involved in carrying out this work as he now wishes to be involved in the Environment Committee. All to be carried out by the February meeting.
- 9. The Market** a stall has closed and it was considered that the Market charges should be discussed at the next meeting possibly offering a lower charge for the first three months to allow the stall to establish itself.
- 10. The Pocket Park** Cllr Hudson reported on obtaining quotes for cleaning the equipment and it was considered that the play equipment could be cleaned by volunteers if the correct equipment was hired. Cllr Hudson is also obtaining information about the refixing of rubber tiles. The ROSPA report was considered and it was decided that as a matter of health and safety the three wooden palings around the perimeter must be replaced and that this work was urgent. The Town Clerk was requested to contact Julian Banthorpe to arrange to have this work done straight away.
- 11.** The Next Meeting of Environment Committee will be held on February 9th because there is a clash with Finance and Governance and Cllr Byles is away on Feb 2nd.

Resolutions for Eye Town Council

1. to adopt a policy setting out conditions when Eye Town Council street lights may remain on all night
2. to consider joining Suffolk County Council Mobile Speed Signs scheme at a maximum cost of £3,000.
3. To consider requesting the County Councillor for a contribution to a Mobile Speed Signs Scheme
4. To consider requesting volunteers in Eye to set up a Lorry Watch group.
5. To consider approving a maximum of £200 to repair potholes in pathways and roadways in the Cemetery