



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee of Eye Town Council to be held on 7th July at 7:00 pm as a remote meeting using Zoom.

Present: Cllr Smith, Walker, Blake, O'Mard (guest) and Town Clerk Wendy Alcock

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Henderson, Hudson

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

None received

3. Public questions and community announcements – No members of the public present

4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting on the 3rd June 2020.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Smith Cllr Walker all in favour.

5. Play & Skate Parks

- Safety Inspection update – The Clerk had contacted MSDC, but nothing further heard of when the inspection might take place.
- Risk Assessment for Play Park and Skatepark – The Clerk shared the risk assessment with the Government guidelines for social distancing measure which should be in place for the parks to open. The Committee assessed each point and does not feel that the Council can meet Government requirements to open the parks therefore the facilities will remain closed for the foreseeable future or until restrictions are lifted completely.

Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Walker all in favour.

- Poster for Play Park and Skate Park – in view of the above, posters will be placed at both parks with the Committee's decision.
- Skatepark improvements. Cllr Smith is investigating costs of resurfacing the skatepark with concrete and is looking at options to provide additional seating areas.

6. Allotments

- See email from allotment holder complaint that rubbish had been burnt from her allotment. Cllr Smith to contact the correspondent.
- There has been an increase in occupancy of vacant plots over the last month. There are now 18 plots vacant.

- Quotes have been requested to clear the abandoned plots from contractors.

7. Cemetery & Memorials

Cllr Smith reported that the Water Authority have been very helpful and have traced the mains supply to the neighbouring property. The new owner of the property has been very accommodating in finding the supply also. Water supply should be returned very soon.

The Wildflower meadow has been prepared. Cllr Smith has placed an order with the seed company.

The Grass cutting contractor continues to do a good job. Problem with trees in Division 3 which need to be cut back as they are overhanging the graves in that area. Cllr Smith to assess work required with a view to taking remedial action.

8. Highways

- Bench at the end of Belland's Way. Cllr Smith has measured the bench and put in a quote to replace the slats and to replace the base.
- Cllr Smith has received complaints about the Rookery with overhanging trees and bushes which is impeding parking.
- Cllr Smith has received concerns regarding parking once the building work starts on Paddock House to refer these issues to the Planning Committee.
- Additional market space – look for other areas within the Town where we have space such as at the end of the Town Hall for the Wednesday market.
- The Cheese and Pie Man request to join Friday market – unfortunately with the issues of lack of parking within Eye centre, the committee doesn't feel that it can accommodate additional stalls at the present time. We are happy to hold the applicant's details on a reserve list

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

9. Public Toilet

- Update on refurbishments – still completing the finishing details on all the toilets. The accessible will be open first once all clear is given by the district council.
- Communications with toilet cleaners – The Clerk to pass the contact details of the toilet cleaners Cllr Smith to plan arrangements for cleaning when the toilet block can reopen.

10. Reports and Updates - Nothing to report.

11. Any other business - No other business.

12. Next meeting 1st September 2020 – meeting closed at 8:00 pm