



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Environment Committee of Eye Town Council held on 5th May at 7:00 pm as a remote meeting using Zoom.

Present: Cllr Smith, Walker, Hudson, Henderson, Blake also present W Alcock

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Potter

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

Cllr Smith cleared the flytipping at the allotment and had incurred costs in doing so. He would be making a claim shortly.

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 3rd March 2020 (attached).

Minutes approved.

5. Allotments

Cllr Smith has cleared all the burnable items.

Plot B3 and B7 are in a terrible state. The invoice for the last year has still not been paid by this allotment holder. Cllr Smith concerned that there are chemicals stored in the shed. Covered in brambles.

New allotment holder for B20 a and b,

Cllr Smith has had an enquiry from an allotment holder to extend her plot into a vacant plot adjacent and asked if the committee had any objections. Concerns around sizes of plots as it has been common practice in the past for holders to take on additional land as they become vacant so there is no consistency.

Cllr Smith suggested that all plots need to be measured in the summer when the covid restrictions are lifted.

Most allotments seem to be in good order with people spending more time at the sites.

6. Cemetery & Memorials

Mortimer's the new grass cutting contractors are doing a good job. Cllr Smith is very impressed with the level of service.

Cllr Smith to arrange to cut the hanging trees to the entrance as these are very low.

The Chapel used as a store has a slate missing which needs repairing.

Chapel of rest has a walnut tree leaning against the wall which needs trimming

Concerns that Division 8 plots are not lining up. When restrictions are lifted it was agreed that a marker and line should be put against the plots so that new graves are dug in the correct position.

Memorial – Cllr Smith has carried out an assessment and has agreed that the memorial does need a clean up once the restrictions are lifted. Commented on the bedding plants looking good around the memorial, thanks to be passed onto the Street Carer.

7. Highways

SCC Grass Cutting program – these were considered as supplied.

The Rookery – Cllr Smith reported that one house has some overhanging trees which are causing an impediment to access along the road.

The Street Carer had forwarded issues of overhanging branches and brambles to some of the footpaths in Eye. Cllr Henderson has a contact at SCC who will raise the issue of overhangs with the respective landowner who is responsible for growth from their land onto footpaths. **Action:** Clerk to refer to SCC

Cllr Henderson lost connection and left the meeting.

8. Play & Skate Parks

Play Area at pocket park. Cllr Smith concerned that some of the equipment is not safe to use. He has approached some companies for costs on replacing the damaged equipment are not giving visual quotes. Not currently a priority issue as park is not open due to the corona virus restrictions. The defective equipment will need to be roped off or removed when the park is reopened. Advice to be taken from AR if there is any funding for replacement equipment.

Skate Park – It is advisable to concrete the park rather than tarmac. Cllr Smith to find out if the grant funding will still be available from MSDC.

9. Public Toilet

a) Update on refurbishments

Additional £6k is going as a request to F&G to allow for enhancement of fittings to the public toilets.

10. Reports and Updates

An additional dog bin at the junction of Century Road to Victoria Hill but this would be on a street lamp owned by the County Council. **Action:** Clerk to apply to SCC for permission to install the bin.

11. Any other business – None

12. Next meeting 2nd June 2020