

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

Date and time of meeting: 7pm at the Town Hall on Monday 2nd November

Councillors present Cllrs Cooper, Hudson, Byles and Robins plus the Town Clerk. No members of the public present.

Apologies: none received

Members Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations. None received

- 1. Green space document** forwarded by Strategic Planning. It was noted this was very much a preliminary idea being put forward by MSDC and being discussed by Strategic Planning. The view of the Committee was that it was a good idea in principle as it would give the Town Council control over the way in which maintenance was carried out but there were the following concerns A. that under no circumstances should the Town Council take ownership of any green spaces B. That the Town Council should be paid fully for arranging maintenance of the green spaces C. That the draft paper suggested volunteers could carry out maintenance of the green spaces – the Committee considered it was hard enough organising one volunteer day a year and that it was totally inappropriate for volunteers to carry out regular maintenance work. D. Any payment to the Town Council for organising maintenance work should include an element to pay for the Town Clerks time to administer this type of work.
- 2. Street lights.** Cllr Byles confirmed that Karen Smith at SCC had been requested to carry out the works agreed by the Committee at their last meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed all the administrative procedures were in place to obtain the Public Works Loan Board loan. Cllr Cooper noted that another light No 129 was not working and Cllr Byles to take this up with SCC.
- 3. 20mph through Eye.** Cllr Byles to contact Cllr McGregor to find out what being on the list meant in terms of time. Cllrs Cooper and Byles to meet with the County Surveyor on Wednesday to discuss the speed and other road problems in Eye. Cllr Robins reported the police have finally agreed to check motorists speed on the Cranley Green Rd – something he and Cllr Smith have been working on for some time.
- 4. The public toilet.** The Town Clerk confirmed the sanitary unit had been ordered.
- 5. Allotments** – The Town Clerk reported that only 2 allotments remained unlet – a great improvement. J Banthorpe has been requested to do the strimming work agreed and will meet up with the Town Clerk and Cllr Cooper to organise the precise work to be undertaken.
- 6. The Cemetery and Churchyard** -Cllr Byles promised to draft a leaflet on 3rd November. Green Burials are now equal in number to conventional burials. The Town Clerk reported she was using a lot of time finding the precise location of plots and it was decided that she needed a metal detector to do this work quicker (the plots are marked out with metal pointers which become difficult to locate when the grass grows long). **Unanimously resolved** to purchase a metal detector for a price not exceeding £100 – the money to come from the Green Cemetery budget which is in funds.
- 7. Cemetery Records audit** – noted this has been carried out by Cllr Cooper and the Town Clerk. Agreed it should be an annual task.
- 8. Maintenance work on the Chapel in the Cemetery** – Cllr Byles reported P Durrant had confirmed he would carry out this work in November for the price he originally quoted.
- 9. Grit bins** – the Town Clerk confirmed these had been ordered and she checked through grit generally with Cllr Cooper.

10. **Pocket Park** – the Town Clerk confirmed new signs had been ordered. The ROSPA report was considered and it was noted no remedial work required by the report.
11. **Wellington Road** – the draft letter approved unanimously and will be sent out by the Town Clerk.
12. **The Rose Bed** at the junction of Victoria Hill Lambseth St and Castleton Way. A triumph of perseverance over bureaucracy by Cllr Cooper. MSDC have tidied up the bed so it is ready for winter and spring.
13. **Dog fouling signs** – new ones are needed. The Town Clerk was asked to request signs from MSDC. In the event of MSDC not supplying appropriate signs free of charge **resolved unanimously** to purchase dog fouling signs for a sum not exceeding £50 – the money to come from the street furniture budget which is in funds.
14. **Disabled parking spaces** – the Town clerk confirmed she has replied to SCC confirming that Eye Town Council is satisfied with the present location of its disabled parking bays and does not wish to change their location.
15. **Skate Board ramp and non stick paint.** Cllr Ribchester will report to the Committee at the next Committee meeting.
16. The draft Budget provided by the Town Clerk was considered. Cllrs Cooper and Hudson will attend the Budget Setting meeting on Wednesday.

Matters to be referred to Eye Town Council

Eye Town Council to note the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 2nd November

Eye Town Council to note (a) the purchase of dog fouling signs for a sum not exceeding £50 if such signs are not provided free of charge by Mid Suffolk District Council – the money to come from the Street Furniture budget which is in funds and (b) the purchase of a metal detector for a sum not exceeding £100 – the money to come from the Green Cemetery budget which is in funds.

The meeting finished at 8pm.