

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Local Government Act 1972 section 101

Cllr Mitchell Cllr Stewart Cllr Truelove Cllr Astle

Cllr Whittaker Cllr Woods

Minutes of an an Environment Committee meeting of Epworth Town Council held on **Thursday 21st February 2019 at 7.00 pm at Cemetery Lodge.**

The following paragraphs were taken as read.

**Public Participation session:** Residents are invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda or, issues for future consideration. **(Members of the public are reminded that each presentation should take no more than three minutes).**

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1. **To record** the names of members present. Cllr Astle (Committee Chairman) Cllrs Stewart and Janney (sub) the clerk C Maguire was in attendance.
2. **Apologies** for absence for absence were received from Cllrs Mitchell, Truelove, Whittaker and Woods.
3. **To receive** declarations of interest (*existence and nature with regard to items on the Agenda Localism Act 2011*). None declared.
4. **To receive notification of dispensations** approved by the clerk with reference to items on the agenda (*Code of Conduct and Localism 2011*). None requested.
5. **To receive** a copy of the last RoSPA play inspection report and instruct the clerk regarding the cradle swings.
  - Clerk to enquire price to replace and fit from Playdale;
  - Committee members to inspect the seats for second opinion on cracks in rubber;
  - North Lincolnshire Council to be contacted for price to replace and fit
  - NOTE on weekly inspection sheets that condition of rubber is being monitored.
6. **To receive** a copy of the service level agreement Children's playground inspection contract for recommendation to full council. North Lincolnshire Council annual RoSPA inspection of play equipment at Kings Head Croft; £186.00 for two inspections; proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** propose to full council to accept the agreement.
7. **Replacement gate spring children's play area:** to discuss how to repair.
  - GATE SPRING: clerk to contact Torne Valley to see if they can fit the spring;
  - Cllr Janney to contact Mr De La Riva (Fields) to see if they can fit the spring.
  - Clerk to include with request to NLC to see if they can fit and at what cost.
8. **Best Kept Village competition:** to receive the letter for recommendations to full council.
  - Noted litter a problem last year.
  - Environment committee recommend additional litter picking
  - Consider "lifestyle" projects
  - Article in The Arrow re litter
  - Ask "Business Forum" for ideas and initiatives
  - Thurlow clubs that use facilities
  - Committee proposes Epworth Town Council re-enters the competition this year **RESOLVED.**

9. **Hanging baskets/Street planters:** to discuss arrangements for the 2019 season – councillors to arrange to take the hanging baskets to Tunes. Further arrangements to be discussed in March.
10. **Cycle racks:** to discuss the requirements for cycle racks in Epworth: requested in area close to Doctors and the Epworth Hub, clerk ask North Lincolnshire Council re design and provision.
11. **Town Maps:** further discussion on possible acquirement; Item deferred to March meeting.
12. **Fields in Trust** – Have a Field Day – discuss. Item deferred to March meeting.
13. **Kings Head Croft:** to discuss a pro forma policy for the use by third party organisations
  - Permission to be obtained from Environment Committee or Full Council whichever is closest meeting to proposed event.
  - Pro forma questionnaire
  - Add Purpose of Event
  - Name of responsible person
  - Request coy of Public Liability Insurance
  - Include pro-forma risk assessmentClerk to amend and re-present to March Committee meeting.
14. **Kings Head Croft:** to discuss possible replacement of newly planted trees on the site. Item deferred to autumn meeting re tree planting.
15. **Kings Head Croft:** to discuss the requirement to tidy the area around the kissing gate. Possibly South Axholme School, possible Mr Fotherby, possible volunteers. Cllr Janney to seek contact at South Axholme School.
16. **To nominate** items for facebook. Rubbish reference the Best Kept Village competition (Arrow article) and Lifestyle Groups;
17. **To record** the closure of the meeting at 7.55pm.

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