**ENVIRONMENT & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Local Government Act 1972 section 101

Cllrs: C Finch (Committee Chairman), T Mitchell, D Stewart, R Whittaker

& D Woods

COVID 19 NOTICE

Government has legislated that as of 4th April 2020, Town Council meetings

can now be held remotely via online video technology, to enable self-isolation

and health and safety guidance to be adhered to during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Epworth Town Council has chosen to use Zoom to facilitate meetings

Minutes of a meeting of the Combined Committee (Environment/Cemetery) of Epworth Town Council held remotely via “zoom” on Monday October 5th 7pm.

**Public Participation** **session:** In normal circumstances members of the public are welcome to address the meeting during public participation at 7pm; whilst Epworth Town Council supports the rights of people to do this, during the current covid-19 crisis, for health and safety reasons, and to ensure physical isolation guidance can be followed, meetings will be held digitally, via on-line technology: None present.

**1. To record** the names of members present: Cllr Finch committee chairman, Cllrs

Mitchell & Woods

**2. Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr R Whittaker, Cllr Stewart was not

 present.

**3.** **To receive** declarations of interest (*existence and nature regarding 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. Chapel of Rest:** to receive a copy of the current fees and consider a reduction in costs to

 residents for use of the Chapel of Rest.Committee supports Free use of Chapel for

 residents and £50 charge for non-residents. **RESOLVED**

**6. Roadside planters:** to resolve that committee members may purchase plants for winter

 planting of the 6 roadside planters. **RESOLVED**.

**7. Cemetery Groundsman Risk Assessment:** to receive a copy of the new risk assessment

 foramendment/resolution. Monthly cost was questioned; Risk Assessment **RESOLVED**

 accepted. Copy to Cemetery Groundsman Committee Chairman to sign copy.

**8. Play Equipment Inspection (NLC – RoSPA**): to receive a copy of the recent play

 inspection and discuss actions required. Noted: quotation for repair to rotunda from

 Playdale to full council (Tuesday October 6th) Clerk to confirm 3 quotations for power

 washing for full council agenda.

**9.** To discuss the “gum littering” campaign (Cllr Mitchell): Association called “Changing

 Behaviours” can provide signage and support in vinyl, plastic or as banners, opportunity

 for Epworth Town Council to piolet a scheme at Kings Head Croft (QE2 Field). Cllr

 Mitchell will circulate a link for committee to view, decision at next Committee meeting

 with recommendation to full council.

**10**. **To discuss** and resolve access to the spare key for the Asgard Shed: **RESOLVED** clerk to

 obtain new exterior secure key box.

**11**. **To discuss** painting of the Cemetery building’s exterior window ledges. **RESOLVED**

 Clerk to obtain quotes: specification stabilizing solution, undercoat then gloss.

**12**. **To discuss** possible locations for the wooden planters: sites suggested (1) outside Stud

 Cross play area (ownership unknown) (2) lower Fieldside corner North Lincolnshire

 Council Highways (3)War Memorial Wesley Statue area (ONGO) options to

be put to full council before obtaining permission for siting.

***In view of the confidential nature of the business concerning members***

***of staff or legal issues about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the***

***public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded,***

***and they are asked to withdraw under the terms of the Public Bodies***

***(Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and of Standing Orders. THE***

***COMMITTEE MAY RESOLVE to exclude members of the press and public***

***for the following agenda:***

**13. Handyman:** to receive confidential information relating to the employment

 of a handyman: the clerk relayed answers to questions that had been put to

 the clerk of a neighbouring council (relating to hours of work, salary, petrol

 expenses, insurance, risk assessments, equipment, PPE and use of welfare

 facilities). Items agreed by committee members. Noted full council via Finance

 Committee to discuss October 6th

**14. To nominate** items for Facebook: no items put forward.

**To record** the closure of the meeting at 19.25pm

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