

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL COMBINED ENVIRONMENT AND CEMETERY MEETING

21 July 2021 – 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors: Cllr C Finch (Chair), Cllr S Brumby, Cllr R Whittaker and Cllr D Woods

Clerk : Clare Boyall

RFO: Emma Von Sembach

Members of the public: 1

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

1 To record the names of members present

Noted.

2 To receive apologies of absence

Cllr D Stewart.

3 To receive Declarations of Interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. (*Localism Act 2011 Code of Conduct*).

None.

4 To note dispensations given to any member in respect to items on the agenda (*Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct*).

None.

At this point Cllr Finch requested that Item 11 be discussed first.

11 To receive and discuss information regarding the Cemetery maintenance.

The previous and present arrangements for the maintenance of the cemetery were discussed.

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Meeting suspended in order that the representative from Mind Memorials should give their presentation.

5 To receive information on a cemetery memorial garden and cemetery orchard

The presentation including offering a cremated memorial service to residents was discussed. This item to be added to the next agenda.

A discussion took place regarding planting an orchard in the cemetery. Cllr R Whittaker felt that there should be a public consultation on whether to have an orchard in the cemetery. Item to go to Full Council.

6 To receive information and discuss repairs to the hedge on Footpath 65

There are gaps in the cemetery hedge which require new plants. Clerk to find out how many trees are needed.

7 To receive information regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2 June 2022 (information previously circulated)

Cllr R Whittaker stated that she has organised the lighting of the beacon in the past and is willing to do this again. She also felt that this was an opportunity to work with the community to organise events for the whole weekend. This will be a standard item on the agenda for future meetings.

Cllr Finch dealt with Item 8 in conjunction with Item 10.

8 To discuss possible sites for a wildflower project.

Cllr Woods stated that he is concerned regarding poor state of the grass verges and road edges in the town. The possibility of taking over the grass contract was discussed and including areas for wildflowers in the verges. Item to go Full Council.

9 To receive information regarding parking on High Street.

Cllr Woods stated that the 6 bays for parking near to The Hub and the Doctor's surgery are causing issues with traffic flow. Cllr Finch advised that there is a public consultation about to be carried out regarding The Hub and more parking may become available and that we should adopt a wait and see approach at this time.

10 To receive information regarding verges and road edges.

See item 8.

Due to the presentation Cllr Finch returned to Item 11.

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11 To receive and discuss information regarding the Cemetery maintenance (Cont'd)

This item was discussed at length. Cllr Woods proposed that the position of grounds person be advertised as 429 hours high season (18.5 hrs per week) and 272 hours low season (11 hrs per week). This will be an initial 1 year contract with a view to becoming permanent. Salary to be set at £9.84 per hour with additional pension contributions, seconded by Cllr Brumby. All in favour. Item to go to Full Council.

It was **resolved** to recommend advertising the ground person's vacancy on the above terms.

12 To discuss and resolve information for the next edition of The Echo.

Cllr R Whittaker advised that information in the Echo is often out of date due to the time it takes to get it out to residents. She suggested that it may be more beneficial to use electronic communication instead. Cllr Finch proposed that the council discontinue publishing The Echo and use Facebook to communicate with residents, seconded by Cllr Woods. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to discontinue publishing The Echo.

13 Date and time of next meeting

24 August 2021 7 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.42 pm.