

Allotments Committee**15 September 2014, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	S Haynes P Woodhams G Clark	Chairman
		M Wade G Copland R Strachan	Hitchens Rep Baxendale Rep Glebe Field Rep
		L Harrison Press Public	Deputy Clerk 0 0

3768-14 Apologies & Substitutions

None received.

3769-14 Questions from the Public

None.

3770-14 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interest and advised that he rented 2 allotment plots on Hitchens Field (Minutes 34**/14).

Mr Wade declared a personal interest and advised that he rented 2 allotment plots on Hitchens field (Minutes 24**/14).

Mr Strachan declared a personal interest and advised that he rented 1 allotment plot on Glebe field.

3771-14 Minutes

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014 be approved with one change.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

3772-14 Skips

The Chairman confirmed a skip had been hired and on site at Hitchens and was full. It was agreed that the skip would be removed.

3773-14 Management of rats on allotments

It was reported that a pest control company had visited Baxendale and activated six rat baits. It was confirmed that there were no current rat issues on Baxendale. Following recommendations from the pest control company it was recommended that the allotments rules be updated to

reflect recommendations to better manage rats on the fields.
It was also recommended that the Parish Council advertise free allotments in the next issue of the Pump.

It was recommended that if vacant plots were taken by new tenants that the Parish Council would clear them and ensure they are correctly marked out.

It was recommended that an assessment was made as to whether the hedge between Glebe and Hitchens fields needed cutting back.

It was recommended that new signage was required for the entrance area to all the fields (WPC land, dogs on leads etc).

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| Resolved and recommended | 1 | To note the report. |
| | 2 | To update the allotment rules.
To advertise free allotments in the next issue of The Pump. |
| | 3 | To clear and mark all new plots when taken by new tenants. |
| | 4 | To order new signage. |
| | 5 | Assess hedge between Glebe and Hitchens for reduction. |

3774-14 Baxendale Field

It was agreed that the following untended plots would receive letters from the Parish Council: 24 and 33.

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| Resolved and recommended | 1 | To note the report. |
| | 2 | To write to tenants of plots 24 and 33. |

3775-14 Glebe Field

It was reported that the tent greenhouse previously reported was still in place.

It was agreed that the buddleia tree be taken back between plots 43b and 44a.

It was agreed that the following untended plots would receive letters from the Parish Council: 2, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 22, and 42.

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| Resolved and recommended | 1 | To note the report. |
| | 2 | To write to tenants of plots 2, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, and 42. |
| | 3 | Take back buddleia tree between plot 43b and 44a. |

3776-14 Hitchens

It was noted that the gates both at the top and bottom of the field needed repairing with new signage.

It was agreed that the following untended plots would receive letters from the Parish Council: 6, 13a, 13b, 16, 24, 25, 42, 43a, 43b, 48, 66, 74, 79b, 81, and 82b.

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| Resolved and | 1 | To note the report |
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- recommended**
- 2 To write to tenants of plots 6, 13a, 13b, 16,24, 25, 42, 43a, 43b, 48, 66, 74, 79b, 81, and 82b.**
- 3 To repair gates**

3777-14 Folly Fields

It was agreed that the following untended plots would receive letters from the Parish Council: 22.

- Resolved and recommended**
- 1 To note the report**
- 2 Write to plot holder 22.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10hr.

Dated this day of 2014

Chairman