

Allotments Committee**13 May 2014, 19.30h**

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

3568-14 Apologies & Substitutions

None received.

3569-14 Questions from the Public

None.

3570-14 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Haynes declared a personal interest and advised that he rented 2 allotment plots on Hitchens Field (Minute 3575-14).
Mr Wade declared a personal interest and advised that he rented 2 allotment plots on Hitchens field (Minute 3575-14).

3571-14 Minutes

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2014 be approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

3572 -14 Skips

The Chairman reported a large amount of unnecessary debris including broken glass and metal on Hitchens especially on plot 61. Reps from Baxendale, Glebe and Follyfield confirmed at this time there was no requirement for a skip on their allotments. The Chairman recommended that a skip was hired for two days on Hitchens and allotment tenants advised that the skip was there for this period only. Agreed Deputy Clerk was to write individually to the tenant on 61 Hitchens and warn regarding debris on plot and encourage use of skip when arrived.

Resolved and recommended **1** **A skip is hired for two days for Hitchens.**
 2 **Deputy Clerk to write to the tenant on 61 Hitchens and warn regarding debris on plot and encourage use of skip when arrived.**

3573-14 Baxendale Field

It was reported that plot 24 was uncultivated. Deputy Clerk Harrison reported to the Committee that the tenant at 24 had complained to the Parish Council regarding the water pollution from the highway onto his plot. It was agreed that the plot could not be allowed to remain uncultivated, and that the rep would continue to monitor the plot and if the plot became unmanageable Deputy Clerk Harrison was to write a warning letter to the tenant. It was reported that a tenant on the allotments using a rifle gun to shoot at pigeons had been reported to him. It was agreed that the rep would warn any tenants if further incidents reported not to use rifles on the allotments as they were open to the public and owned by the Parish Council.

Resolved and recommended **1** **To note the report.**
 2 **Tenants to be advised that pigeon shooting was not authorised and was illegal.**

3574-14 Glebe Field

The following was reported: broken plot sign on plot 14; plastic and metal on a bonfire on plot 10; tenant on plot 5 taking up some of the path (approximately 14 inches) making access for other users difficult; and plots 19b & 41 have tent greenhouses approximately 10 x 6 & 15 x 6 feet erected which appear flimsy. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would check whether permission had been sought for the erection of the tent greenhouses, and if not to write to the tenant. It was reported that the tap at the foot of plot 31 did not fully turn off, it was recommended a new tap fitted. It was also reported that the gate at the top of Glebe was falling apart, recommended new gate installed.

Resolved and recommended **1** **To note the report.**
 2 **To repair number for plot 14.**
 3 **New gate fitted**
 4 **New tap fitted**
 5 **Deputy Clerk to write to tenant on plot 10 regarding burning of plastic and metal.**
 6 **Deputy clerk to write to tenant plot 4 regarding use of path**
 7 **Deputy Clerk to write to tenants on plot 19b and 40 regarding use of tent greenhouses if no permission requested.**

3575-13 Hitchens

It was reported that there had been a general increase in activity on the plots and some plot holders requesting a skip. The bottom gate latch

was noted as requiring re-fitting as it was missing.

Resolved and recommended **1 To note the report**
 2 To replace the field gate latch as appropriate.

3576-14 Folly Fields

It was reported by that here were a number of rubbish heaps on the allotments. It was recommended that the Deputy Clerk write to the tenant on no. 3 requesting that the amount of rubbish is reduced. It was also reported that the brambles on 4b are now acting as a hedge.

Resolved and recommended **1 To note the report**
 2 Deputy Clerk write to the tenant on no. 3 requesting that the amount of rubbish is reduced

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05hr.

Dated this day of 2014
Chairman