

Allotments Committee

Monday 12 December 2016 7.30pm

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

4909-16 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies from Cllrs Clark and Habib. One substitution.

4910-16 Declarations of Interest

The following members declared a personal interest and advised that they rented allotment plots: the Chairman 2 plots on Hitchens Field; M Cheale 2 plots on Folly Field; R Strachan 2 plots on Glebe Field; and G Copland 1 plot on Baxendale Field.

4911-16 Minutes

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 be approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

4912-16 Bonfires

A discussion took place with regards to bonfires. It was proposed by the Chairman that the current rules on bonfires be changed to read "Bonfires are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 8am and 12noon" and a section added in relation to wind direction: "to minimise disruption and annoyance to residents", all agreed.

Resolved and recommended 1. The current rules on bonfires be changed to read "Bonfires are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 8am and 12noon" and a section added in relation to wind direction: "to minimise disruption and annoyance to residents".

4913-16 Baxendale Field

The representative confirmed that there had been no changes to the site since the last meeting and requested an update as to when the Council contractor would be carrying out the tidying work at the entrance to the site. The Deputy Clerk agreed to progress this action.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed by all that three sites (Glebe,

Hitchens and Baxendale) would get a skip in late January 2017.

The Chairman proposed that the Council contractor was to clear and maintain the empty plots on all sites as previously quoted in June's meeting (£450 and £15 per visit), all agreed. The Chairman also proposed that the Deputy Clerk arrange for him and the reps meet the Council contractor on site to discuss clearing the empty plots, all agreed.

The Chairman informed the group that he would be requesting an increase from Council in the Allotments Committee budget for the next year 2017-2018.

The Chairman proposed that the rent on all plots went up by 2% for the year 2018-2019, all agreed.

- Resolved and recommended**
- 1. Note the report**
 - 2. Deputy Clerk to confirm with Council contractor when the outstanding work to tidy up the entrance to Baxendale site would be completed.**
 - 3. Three sites (Glebe, Hitchens and Baxendale) to get a skip in late January 2017.**
 - 4. Council contractor to clear and maintain the empty plots on all sites as previously quoted in Junes meeting (£450 and £15 per visit).**
 - 5. Deputy Clerk arrange for Chairman and the reps meet the Council contractor on site to discuss clearing the empty plots.**
 - 6. Rent on all plots to go up by 2% for the year 2018-2019.**

4914-16 Glebe Field

The representative agreed that a mini skip was adequate for the site as discussed above.

The representative confirmed that he had received a letter from the tenant on plot 31 asking permission for a chicken shed. The representative agreed to forward the letter to the Office.

The representative confirmed the water meter reading at 2134.

- Resolved and recommended**
- 1. Note the report.**
 - 2. Representative to forward letter from tenant 31 requesting chicken shed.**

Hitchens

The representative confirmed that there had been little change at the site since the last meeting. The bottom gate still needed re-aligning to negate future damage. The Deputy Clerk agreed to remind the Council contractor to fix the gate.

Following the last Allotments Committee meeting which wasn't in quorate (12 September 2016) it was proposed by the Committee that Council review Standing Orders in relation to the Allotments Committee

