

## **Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held in**

### **The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8.00pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Smith (Chairman), Cllr Edwards (V. Chairman), Cllr Ellicott, Cllr Duncombe, Mrs French and Mr Benoy.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Su Denne

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** Twelve members of the public present.

- 1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting** – - No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
- 2. To receive and approve apologies for absence:** None
- 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests-** Cllr Smith, Mrs French and Mr Benoy have allotment plots.
- 4. Declarations of Lobbying.** None
- 5. Minutes -** To resolve that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on **17<sup>th</sup> December 2018** were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record.
- 6. Fencing** – Cllr Smith informed the meeting that a new fence will be erected from the Southwood Road car park along the boundary to the end of the second shed. The wooden fence will remain, with the new fence running alongside it; inside the site.
- 7. Noise Monitor** – The Clerk informed the meeting that a noise monitor may be placed within the Southwood Road allotments, sometime this year and will remain there for a year.
- 8. Water tanks** – After discussion it was agreed that further investigation of work and costings would be required. Cllr Smith thought that it would be a project carried out over a two-year period. Water tanks to be marked on site maps.
- 9. Update on proposed plot for less able bodied plot holders** – Cllr Smith informed the members that it could cost up to £6000 to install a purpose built plot for less able bodied plot holders. This would mean a long term project. A site visits to be made by the Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.
- 10. Allotment Competition 2019 & BBQ -** It was agreed that the BBQ would be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30. It was agreed that all plot holders would be entered into this year's allotment competition and that there would be only two categories, adults and children. Plot holders would have to contact the Clerk if they wished their children to be entered into the children's class. Judge and judging day to be confirmed. Prizes to be bought from the Venture, as last year.

- 11. Working Party** – It was agreed that a working party would meet on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am, to remove the two large sheds on the Southwood Road site. Clerk to ask for volunteers.
- 12. Clerk’s Report** –The Clerk informed the members that all payments and paper work had been finalised. She would be contacting Hawkenbury Allotment Ass, to enquire how much their membership fee was for other plot holders. The vacant plots were being taken up, with only 3 at Southwood Road and 5 at Wickham Gardens left. Clerk reminded plot holders that fires to be only after 2pm until dusk.
- 13. Chairman’s Report** - Cllr Smith had nothing to report.
- 14. Open session for questions from the public:** Members were asked if they were considering setting up a newcomer’s starter plot. The response was no, at this stage, this topic was discussed at a previous meeting. The members were asked when the water would be turned on, Cllr Benoy replied that it would be the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Date of Next Meeting –17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Meeting Closed at 20.45**

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Dated .....