



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sandlands Allotments Sub-Committee held at St Peter's Hall, Seaview on 26th June 2017 at 6.00pm. (Draft)

(These Minutes are unconfirmed and are not an official record until signed)

Present: Cllr John Turner, Cllr Rebecca Hardie, Mr Ken Allen, Mrs Sue Garner and Mr David Blackford,

17/06 – 1: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Following the unfortunate passing of Cllr Peggy Jarman (Chairman) and the resignation of Mr Keith Bradford (Vice-Chairman), the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Turner opened proceedings. He then asked the committee for proposals for the election of Chairman of this sub-committee. Cllr Hardie proposed Cllr Turner for the position of Chairman. This was seconded by Mrs Garner and unanimously agreed by the members.

The Chairman then proposed that Mrs Garner be elected Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Mr Blackford and unanimously agreed by the members.

17/06 – 2: Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Rivlin

17/06 – 3: Minutes:

Mr Blackford proposed that the minutes of the previous sub-committee meeting held on 20th June 2016 be agreed with the no amendments. This was seconded by Mrs Garner and agreed with 4 votes and 1 abstention

17/06 – 4: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk updated the members on the finances and plot holders. The end of financial year report showed that the allotments have generated a net income of £747.00 to the end of March 2017. There are 2 plots available to let. The Clerk will take some steps to generate a waiting list as there is currently nobody awaiting a plot.

17/06 – 5: Water Supply:

This item was included on the agenda following a letter to the Parish Council from Mr Chris Chadwick (56 and 61a). Following the removal of a tap at the allotments, some of the plot holders at the rear of the allotments continued to struggle with drawing and carrying water to their plots as it had isolated 2 other standpipes. It has been proposed that Mr Chadwick finances the re-instatement of a water supply by way of a stop cock which he would be responsible for.

Resolution:

The Chairman made a formal proposal to the members and clearly stated that the location of the pipes and the stopcock should be clearly marked and that would remain the responsibility of Mr Chadwick. The Parish Council would continue to pay the water bill as normal. This was seconded by Mrs Garner and agreed by the members

17/06 – 6: Plot Rents 2017/2018:

The plot rents currently stand at £4.00 per rod

Resolution:

Mrs Garner proposed that the plot rents remained at the same level. This was seconded by Cllr Hardie and agreed by the members.

17/06 – 7: Memorial Bench for Cllr Peggy Jarman:

The Parish Council have resolved to pay for a bench and memorial plaque. The members were asked to discuss a suitable site for the bench.

Resolved:

Following discussions, it was agreed to explore the potential of a site near to Mrs Dorothy Dye's plot which is where Peggy spent a lot of her time when at the allotments. The Clerk will arrange a site visit to clarify.

17/06 – 8: Cars on the Allotments:

Cllr Rivlin asked for this item to be put on the agenda following the damage caused to her plot and plants by someone carelessly driving across it. Following discussions, it was agreed that plot holders should be discouraged from taking cars on the plot. There was also a follow up point about the state of the combination lock on the main gate and the sharing of the code.

Resolved:

It was agreed by the members that the Clerk should purchase a new lock and periodically change the combination to prevent access to those who do not require it.

17/06 – 9: Correspondence:

Southern Water – Water Bills

Mr C Chadwick – Letter with regard to Water Supply

IW Sports Club – Letter with regard to the debris at the rear of the allotments

17/06 – 10: Open Forum:

There was a discussion with regard to some plot holders employing contractors to keep their plots maintained. Some had been responsible for causing damage to other plots unnecessarily. The Chairman asked the Clerk to send out a generic letter with this year's account stating that plot holders are ultimately responsible for the contractors they employ.

17/06 – 11: Frequency of Meetings and Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the terms of reference be reviewed and changed to reflect the meeting now being twice a year. The next meeting will be held in November 2017. The exact date will be arranged between the Clerk and the Committee nearer the time.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6.39pm

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Chairman 17th July 2017