

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 2.00 PM AT WENDOVER PADDOCK HALL, HUMBERSTON

Present: Cllr. Bailey (Chairman)
Cllrs. Watkins, Scoffin, Stevenson and Robinson

Apologies: Cllr. Tuplin

There were 5 others present – Mrs. Hyde and Mr. Brown representing HAHA and Cllrs. H. Hall, Reynolds and Baron.

1) Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr. Tuplin due to work commitments.

RESOLVED: That apologies be received and accepted

2) Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012

None made.

3) To receive report from Chairman on attendance at last HAHA meeting

Cllr. Bailey hadn't attended HAHA meeting recently due to holidays etc. Members had notified Cllr. Bailey that they were very grateful for the monies donated towards the provision of a new site toilet and the use of Plot 42 for HAHA benefit. Noted.

4) To receive report from last Allotment Site Inspection on Friday 1st September 2017 and agree any necessary actions

Clerk had circulated written report. Cllr. Bailey discussed flooding issue and Cllrs. Scoffin and Robinson had organized the taking of levels on the site and Cllr. Robinson had now been given the results. Cllr. Robinson to organize meeting with HAHA and plot holder and report back.

Cllr. Hall interrupted and advised that under the Allotment Site Inspection report, something needed to be raised that the full Council did not know about. Cllr. Hall advised that there was ragwort on the allotment plots, on allotment plot 70 and why hadn't it been reported to the Council? The Clerk advised that the Committee was totally unaware of the ragwort and couldn't report something it knew nothing about. Mrs. Hyde, HAHA and said that it had been spotted and pulled up but there was also a similar weed which looked like ragwort but was not actually the same thing. The Clerk again said that it wasn't on any report as it hadn't been spotted on the site visit. Cllr. Hall said that it was a 'reportable' plant and had to be reported and suggested that the Committee look more carefully in future during the site visits and questioned the Committee's competence in conducting site visits if they did not spot this issue. Cllr. Robinson advised that he found Cllr. Hall's comments offensive regarding the Committee and Cllr. Hall responded by saying he was not being offensive but it was negligent of the Committee if they hadn't spotted this matter. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

RECOMMENDATION: That Cllr. Robinson organize meeting with HAHA and plot holder to Discuss finding of levels taken on the site

5) To receive update from Clerk on new tenancies and any vacant plots and agree any necessary actions

Clerk advised that a new tenant had been installed and there was now only one remaining plot which had just become vacant. It was agreed that one 'household' with a half plot could take another half plot, totaling one plot, under the rules of one plot per household. Clerk to liaise with Haha as usual with regard to vacant plot.

RECOMMENDATION: That two half plots were permitted under the one plot per household rule

6) To consider issues raised from residents on approach road to allotment site and agree any necessary actions

Cllr. Bailey reported on issues raised on allotment site at the PC surgery held.

Signing on gates needed to take into account variation of September. Agreed timings should be 8am to 8-m during April to August, then 8am to 7 pm in September, 8am to 6 pm in October and then 8am to 4 pm in November through to April of the following year.

RECOMMENDATION: That times on the gate be amended as agreed

Posts at corners of residents driveway were obstructing access and agreed that the posts at the corner of his driveway access be removed. Resident has also offered to pay for and fit reflectors on the posts and this was thought to be a good idea.

RECOMMENDATION: That the posts on the edge of the residents driveway be removed and That the resident pay for and fit reflectors on the posts

Resident said he had twice seen traveler groups trying to access the site and the Clerk advised he would ask the local policing team to patrol and Mrs. Hyde advised that she would remind all tenants via the Newsletter to ensure the gates were closed. Noted.

Haha advised that the approach road grounds were in a very good state of maintenance and was very neat and this was noted.

7) To agree date for next allotment inspection visit by Committee and Committee meeting date

Agreed for Friday afternoon – 3rd November – 2.15 pm.

RESOLVED: That the next allotment site visit take place on date shown

8) To approve all actions agreed to go to next full Council meeting for endorsement

RESOLVED: That all recommendations listed go to full Council in October for endorsement

Public Break

Question asked about possible rent rebate for tenants whose plots were flooded. Drainage along edge of approach road also raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.32 pm.

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