

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 2.30 PM AT WENDOVER PADDOCK HALL, HUMBERSTON**

**Present:** Cllr. Bailey (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Robinson, Scoffin and Tuplin

**Apologies:** Cllr. Stevenson

There were 4 members of the public present including Chairman of HAHA

**1) Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr. Stevenson due to illness, accepted.

**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 had attended. Sleepers on Plot 29 had been discussed at plot renewal with Clerk and Chairman of Allotment Committee. Agreed that PC purchases them, approx 6-8 at cost of £15.00 each, and HAHA would assist plot holder in laying them.

**RESOLVED:** That recommendation be made to Parish Council that it purchases 6-8 sleepers at Cost of £15.00 each to shore up side of allotment plot no. 29.

Annual competition had been discussed and Cllr. Bailey had confirmed this was an ongoing matter. It was suggested that judging take place in July rather than August and this was agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That competition judging take place in July if possible rather than August

Plant Fair to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May and Clerk to obtain quotations to remove pile of earth near cemetery. Noted. Next HAHA Meeting would be attended by Cllr. Bailey. Clerk asked that thanks be passed to Mrs. Hyde for her attendance at and for hosting the allotment tenancy renewals on three occasions in January 2017. Committee also agreed thanks.

**4) To receive update from Clerk on new tenancies and any vacant plots and agree any necessary actions arising including greenhouses/sheds/other items left on vacant allotment plots**

At time of meeting, approx 6 plots left vacant. Clerk has received two enquiries and it has also been highlighted in the last Newsletter which hopefully will bring in some new applicants. Suitable for splitting if necessary are plot 66 and this was agreed if appropriate. Clerk advised that she had checked with ERNLLCA and any plot where tenant had not renewed and a month later still had not been cleared of any sheds/greenhouses, then those buildings reverted to the Parish Council's ownership and it would be free to dispose of them as appropriate. Shed on 42, Shed and Greenhouse on 19 and Shed and Greenhouse on 54. These would be offered to new tenants but if by the time of the next Allotment Committee meeting, these were still unused, then Committee would make recommendations on action.

**RESOLVED:** That any vacated plots with sheds/greenhouses be firstly offered to new tenants, but if Plots remained vacant, then Committee would further consider at next meeting.

Clerk also advised on date for planting of new allotment boundary hedge and this was noted.

**5) To receive any items from HAHA for consideration at future meeting**

Mrs. Hyde mentioned portaloos on site and advised that they are fundraising for a wider one which would be more accessible. Members had no issue with this.

**RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to HAHA siting a new toilet on the site**

**Public Break**

Mr. Baron raised issue of box hedge/tree on plot 54 which was quite large. If plot not let in immediate future then Clerk would seek quotation for reducing size of hedge/tree if appropriate.

Mrs. Hyde advised that all paths had been very sodden during the last couple of weeks.

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

Agreed that all resolutions made at the Meeting form recommendations for action at next Council meeting in April 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council considers adopting all resolutions made by this Committee for Formal action by the Clerk**

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

Inspection visit agreed for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 pm for Allotment Committee members.

Next Committee date to be agreed on that day.

Chairman closed the meeting at 2.55 pm.

Signed:

Date: