

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held in Messingham Village Hall on Monday **20th June 2011** commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J R Walker (Chair), Mrs J Briggs & T Foster, Mr B Ross, Mr M Walker, Mr P Chapman and the Clerk.

325. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors N Poole, J Mountain, M Proctor and J England.

326. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None received

327. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 21st March 2011

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and approved as a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 11th April 2011 – Min Ref. 933/211a

328. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 320a Allotment Road

Noted that the slag was laid to a high standard. Mr M Walker reported that ruts have appeared again on the hill due to drivers doing wheel spins – he commented that the drivers appeared to be visitors to the allotments rather than tenants. After discussion it was agreed that vehicles should be stopped from driving up the hill so it was agreed to install appropriate signage at the bottom of the hill (no entry, no left turn and no right turn) and to advise every tenant by letter. Mr Walker asked for additional slag dust to be applied to fill the holes – Mr Ross offered a quantity of tarmac planings instead and this was accepted.

b) Min 322b Untidy Allotments

1. 16c Still not being fully worked. Agreed to send warning letter.
2. 11a Half done – continue to monitor
3. 11f Confirmation received from Mr Grice and half now allocated to Mrs Pitchfork
4. 42a Weeds strimmed and tidy
5. 42aa Weeds cleared and tidy
6. 42b Allocated to Mr Burr
7. 42bb Allocated to Mr Burr
8. 40a No response from tenant or payment of rent so tenancy terminated. Allotment re-allocated to Mr Barley

c) Min 324d Leaking Tap

Noted that the handyman has repaired the leaking tap.

329. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mrs M CLAYTON – Request for permission to erect a shed on Allotment 54a. Approved.
- b) Mr BROWN – Request for permission to erect a poly tunnel on Allotment 50a. Approved by Parish Council on 9th May 2011 – Min. Ref. 938/12c.
- c) ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Newsletter

329. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

1. Mr East – Allotment 6b. Re-allocated to Mr Ombler.
2. Mr Renton – Allotment 51a from October 2011. To be allocated at next meeting. It was suggested that a quarter allotment will be adequate for Mr Goodyear so if one becomes available it would be preferable to allocate it to him.

330. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

P Eaton, 12 Temperance Avenue. Approved.

331. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Mr M Walker reported that a NLC judge had recently visited the allotments and had commented on the poor state of Allotment no's 2b & 4b. Cllr. Foster explained that the tenant, Mr Ancliffe, had recently been bereaved and that neighbouring tenants were trying to keep it tidy. He commented that Mr Ancliffe is likely to spend more time on the allotment and that an improvement can be expected in the near future.

332. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **DOG FOULING** – Mr M Walker commented that a number of dog walkers are not using a lead and that dogs are fouling within the confines of allotments. It was noted there are signs and a dog waste bin installed.

- b) **WATER USAGE** – Mr M Walker reported that a tenant has been suspected of using a hosepipe to water his allotment but without first hand evidence he was not prepared to give a name. However, after having an informal word with the tenant the practice appears to have stopped. It was noted that there are still signs on all the taps advising that hosepipes can be used to fill a water butt only.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING