

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **19<sup>th</sup> September 2011** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

**333. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M Proctor – holiday.

**334. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received

**335. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> June 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Min Ref:950/47

**336. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 328a Allotment Road**

Following the letter circulated to all tenants advising the change of road layout, an objection by email had been received by Mr J Cox. This was noted and Mr M Walker commented that all other tenants he has been in contact with are satisfied with the arrangements. The Clerk advised that the road signs had been received free of charge from NLC Highways. It was agreed that Mr Ross will apply a quantity of tarmac planings to the road as soon as possible.

**b) Min 328b Untidy Allotments**

1. 16c – Letter sent and response received from tenant that she plans to rotovate soon. Agreed to continue monitoring.
2. 42aa – Termination of tenancy received from Mr Prendergast and subsequently re-allocated to Mrs Goodyear. It was noted that there has been very little work carried out and that neighbouring tenants have complained about the activities of the young people working on it. After discussion it was agreed that this tenancy should be terminated

**c) Min 329/2 Allotment 51a**

Agreed to allocate this allotment in two halves (51a & 51aa) to waiting applicants, Mr Crowcroft and Mr Eaton.

**d) Min 331 Allotments 2b/4b**

It was noted that no improvement has been made to either of these allotments. After discussion it was agreed that the tenant should be encouraged to give up the tenancy of one of the allotments - Councillor Foster agreed to speak to the tenant.

**e) Min 332a Dog Fouling**

Mr M Walker advised that there are still problems with dog fouling. It was agreed to obtain two new signs advising that dogs must be kept on a lead; dog walkers must keep to the footpath; and to clean up after your dog.

**337. CORRESPONDENCE**

RHS Growing Communities newsletter. Noted.

**338. TENANCY TERMINATIONS**

Allotment 42aa – terminated as per Minute 336b/2 above. It was noted that neighbouring tenant Mr M Burr had emailed his interest in taking an additional allotment when available. It was agreed to allocate this allotment to Mr Burr.

**339. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Rat Bait** – Mr M Walker asked if every tenant is aware that rat bait is available. It was noted that it had previously been agreed that this information would be circulated by word of mouth and it was agreed to continue this practice.
- b) **Water Usage** – Mr M Walker asked for the water usage this year to be analysed against last year's usage. The Clerk agreed to have this information available for the December meeting.
- c) **Best Kept Allotment Competition** – It was noted that some of the winners did not attend the presentation of prizes despite having been informed by the Chairman. It was suggested that letters should be sent to all winners and also that prizes should not be given out if not collected in person, or by proxy, at the presentation. It was agreed to refer this issue to the Parish Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 7.56pm.