

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **17th September 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), M Proctor, J Mountain, J R Walker, Mrs J Briggs & J England, Mr M Walker, Mr M May, Mr P Chapman and the Clerk.

372. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor T Foster and Mr B Ross.

373. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

374. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 18TH June 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. They were agreed to be a true record. Minutes adopted by Parish Council 9th July 2012 – Min. Ref 1016/44.

There were no matters arising.

375. MINUTES OF EXTRA MEETING 23rd July 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. They were agreed to be a true record. Minutes adopted by Parish Council 13th August 2012 – Min Ref. 1022/61.

376. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 370 Allotment Security

Reported that a CCTV camera has been installed by Safer Neighbourhoods. Councillor Proctor reported that the camera only has a 30 hour battery life so is not ideal. It was noted that Tracey Coyne of Safer Neighbourhoods is making enquiries for a different camera more suited to a non-electric environment. It was suggested that Mr Spencer could be asked to take responsibility for charging the camera on a regular basis. Discussion took place regarding the suitability of the site for the camera and the signage. The Chairman agreed to discuss this further at the forthcoming NATs meeting. It was also suggested that dummy cameras may be effective but it was agreed to make enquiries regarding the legal position on this.

b) Min 371a Allotment Track

Councillor Walker reported that the surfacing of the track had now been completed satisfactorily.

c) Min 371b Allotment 42a

The Clerk reported that Mrs Wadge had been unable to accept half of this allotment due to a change in family circumstances and that Mrs Levitt had now accepted the full allotment.

Mr M Walker reported that the joint tenant of 18a, Mr M Simpson, has assumed that this tenancy is terminated and has cleared his allotment of personal belongings. Mr Walker suggested that this would be a more suitable allotment for Mrs Levitt – all agreed – termination of tenancy to be advised in writing and Mrs Levitt to be advised of the change.

d) Min 31c Allotment 16a

The Clerk reported that Mrs Oates had telephoned to explain that they had recently had a family bereavement and had also moved house but that they would be working the allotment. It was noted there has been no activity to date and it was agreed to send a second letter.

377. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

- a) 49aa – Poole – parish council termination
- b) 17a – Sarsfield – due to change in family circumstances
- c) 42a - Bradley – due to change in circumstances
- d) 50a – Brown – due moving out of village
- e) 47a – Cox – due to ill health
- f) Reported that Mr Benson – Allotment 58, is giving up his tenancy. It was agreed that when this is confirmed that the allotment be made available to Mr Ross for access.

378. TENANCY APPLICATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

- a) Mr & Mrs Moylett, 2 Pastures Court. APPROVED. Allotment 17a allocated 22nd August.
- b) Mr Paul Bratton, 39 Leaburn Road. APPROVED. Allocate Allotment 42a
- c) Mr Jaques (45a) request to take 50a. APPROVED.
- d) Mr Taylor & Ms Crossland (47b) request to take 47a. APPROVED
- e) Mr Scott allocated 49aa 21st July. APPROVED

379. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

- a) 51a –Crowcroft - Overgrown. Untidy notice to be sent
- b) 54a – Clayton – Overgrown. Untidy notice to be sent
- c) 42aa – Burr – Overgrown. Untidy notice to be sent
- d) 11a – Wallis – no activity since last letter. Termination notice to be sent.
- e) 11f – Pitchfork – no activity. Untidy notice to be sent.
- f) 1 – Roddis – completely unacceptable condition with garden rubbish dumped on the site and 10' high nettles and weeds. To be told to clear the plot of all rubbish and bring to a satisfactory condition.

380. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) ALLOTMENT NUMBERS – It was noted that a lot of the numbers are missing or have been damaged. It was agreed to do a survey and replace as necessary.
- b) BONFIRES – Complaints received from residents about smoke and ash during the day. It was agreed that fires should be lit when the wind is away from the village but it was agreed to review the allotment rules at the next meeting.
- c) ALOTMENT 17A – The clerk reported that Mrs Moylett had asked if she could resite her shed but had been told no as it would not be in line with the other sheds on the row. She had also asked if she could make a concrete base for parking and had been told that this was permitted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING