

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

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole, J R Walker, J England, T Foster, J Mountain, M Proctor and Mrs J Briggs; Mr B Ross, Mr M Walker, Mr P Chapman and Mr M May and the Clerk.

381. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None received

382. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

383. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 17TH September 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting and were agreed to be a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 8th October 2012 *Min Ref. 1033/88a*

384. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 376a CCTV

The Chairman reported that the Safer Neighbourhood team and the police continue to monitor the area regularly. He also reported that there are no legal issues with erecting dummy cameras but that this is not a practice encouraged by the police. After discussion it was agreed that the existing camera is not practical as it needs to be charged every 30 hours and so it was therefore agreed to scrap the CCTV and returned the camera to the Safer Neighbourhood team when requested. The Clerk commented that PCSO Straker had been given an updated list of tenants for information following the last break-ins.

b) Min 376d Allotment 16a.

It was reported that this allotment is now being worked satisfactorily.

c) Min 380b Allotment Rules

A copy of the rules was circulated to all members present together with NLC guidelines for bonfires. After discussion it was agreed to create Rule 31- *The burning of garden waste is permitted BUT any plastic waste, i.e. fertilizer bags or polystyrene is NOT permitted in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Waste Management Regulations 2006.*

385. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Mr Burr, Allotment 42aa, in response to the untidy notice, advising of his change in circumstances but indicating his intention to work the allotment. It was agreed to monitor the situation again in the Spring but to make Mr Burr aware of the new tenant of the adjoining allotment,s interest in taking extra space.

b) Letter from Mr Bratton, Allotment 42a requesting permission to erect a shed. The Clerk advised that she had already responded to this. APPROVED.

386. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

a) Allotment 11a – Mr Wallis. Accepted

b) Allotment 37a – Mrs G May – Accepted

c) Allotment 58a – Mr W Benson – Rumour only that Mr Benson wishes to terminate his tenancy but it was agreed to write to him with a termination form to complete as he may not be aware that this has to be done in writing.

387. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

- a) Mrs C Simpson, 3 Lea Garth. Clerk advised that she had allocated 11a and this was approved
- b) Mr Mick May, 86 Brigg Road. Clerk advised that this had been a specific request to take over 37a and that she had subsequently allocated this. APPROVED
- c) Mrs A Chapman, 14 Brigg Road – APPROVED

388. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

It was noted that Allotments 51a, 54a and 11f had no signs of improvement but it was agreed that given the poor weather these should be monitored, it was also agreed to bring the next Allotment Advisory Committee meeting forward to February so that action can be taken before tenancy renewals in April.

389. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mr M Walker reported that overhanging branches from the apple trees on Mr Tuplin's allotment have been lopped by Mr Ross.
- b) Mr M Walker reported the standing water on Mr Ross's plots on the south section. The Chairman advised that a request from Mr Ross to install additional drainage pipes had been approved by the Parish Council. It was noted that the Parish Council agreed to pay for materials and that Mr Ross would carry out the work at his own expense.
- c) Mrs J Briggs reported that she has a quantity of glass available which may be suitable for cold frames.
- d) Mr M Walker commented that he is disappointed in the number of tenants who are not treating for rats when the bait is readily available through the Clerk. It was agreed to make a notice to be erected on the Allotment Shed to advertise that the bait is available.

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 7.55pm