

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **16th December 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

418. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor T Foster.

419. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

420. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 16th September 2013

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. They were agreed to be a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 14th October 2013 Min Ref. 1094/80.

421. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 425a/416i Allotment 52aa

The Clerk reported that Ms Thompson-Flint had agreed to accept 52aa rather than 51aa as recommended. It was noted that she had also been offered 11c as an alternative but had declined.

b) Min 416f Allotment 27b

The Clerk reported that following an 'untidy notice letter', Miss Lynaugh had subsequently terminated her tenancy of this allotment.

c) Min 417b Best Newcomer/Most Improved Prize

The Parish Council approved an annual prize for the Best Newcomer/Most Improved Tenant in the Best Kept Allotment Competition (Min Ref. 1094/80a). It was also agreed that Mrs Simpson of Allotment 11a be given the prize retrospectively from the Chairman's Allowance which has now been done.

422. CORRESPONDENCE

RHS Newsletter.

423. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

- a) Allotment 11a – Mrs Lockwood due to ill health
- b) Allotment 27b – Miss Lynaugh due to back problems
- c) Allotment 35 (Half) – Mr M Walker due to change in circumstances. (from April 2014)
- d) Allotments 42aa/42b – M Burr – termination by Allotment Committee Min Ref 416c

424. TENANCY ALLOCATIONS

- a) Allotment 52a – S Pendleton
- b) Allotment 42b – K Brumby
- c) Allotment 42aa – P Bratton

425. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

No applications pending. It was agreed that a notice be placed in the village magazine to advertise that allotments are currently available. It was agreed that 11c should be allocated

as soon as possible and that Allotment 35 should be split into one half retained by M Walker and two quarter allotments to be allocated from April 2014.

426. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Mick Walker commented that for the time of year the condition of all allotments was satisfactory but he also expressed his disappointment that the new tenants had not yet started work on their allotments.

- a) Allotment 18a – noted that it has not been worked and that the shed has blown away. To be monitored.
- b) Allotment 27b – the Clerk reported that Mr Carter had contacted to her to advise that he wishes to continue despite his current medical condition.

427. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the holes in the road have been filled in by Barry Ross and he was thanked for a good job. It was also noted that a hole by the top gate (West View) also needs filling.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 7.30pm.