

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **20th June 2016** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors T Foster & Mrs J Briggs,; Mr J Walker, Mr P Chapman, Mr B Ross and the Clerk.

508. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor T Foster was elected to take the Chair for this meeting.

509. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors Mrs B Todd, M Proctor, N Poole and J England.

510. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

511. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 22nd February 2016

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were approved and adopted by the Parish Council on 14th March 2016 Min. Ref. 1239/159a.

512. MATTERS ARISING

Min. 507a Tarmac Planings

The Clerk reported that a price of £15 per tonne from Stoneledge had been approved by the Parish Council and have been ordered. Delivery to be co-ordinated by Mr B Ross.

513. CORRESPONDENCE

RHS Newsletter – noted

514. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

- a) 49AA/50AA – Chapman – bereavement and ill health.
- b) 49A – Lane – terminated due to non-payment of rent. Noted that no communication had been received from Mr Lane following a rent reminder letter and the termination notice.
- c) 18a – Barrowcliff – family reasons

515. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

- a) Kevin Gibson, 22 Briggate Drive – Allocated 38b on 18th April 2016. APPROVED
- b) Yvonne Farr, 20 Hall Rise – Allocated 49A – May 2016. APPROVED
- c) Rebecca Leaper, 7 Well Street – Allocated 18A 9th June 2016. APPROVED

516. ALLOTMENTS INSPECTION REPORT

Mr P Chapman carried out the inspections during May/June and it was noted that all the vacant allotments are getting overgrown. Agreed to ask the handyman to trim 35A for letting at the first opportunity. Noted that 49aa & 50AA has a quantity of wood which requires clearing. It was suggested that sheep be used to keep the vacant allotments tidy – this was discussed but no action to be taken at the present time. It was agreed that a policy should be adopted to fill the vacant allotments which are between worked ones first.

517. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **SECURITY** – it was noted that there has been a recent spate of thefts of water butts. It was agreed that the through access from Butterwick Road to West View should be prevented. It was suggested that the gate on Butterwick Road be permanently locked with only Mr B Ross

as key holder for tractor access. It was agreed to consult with all the tenants of the bottom section and to recommend this action to the Parish Council.

- b) RABBIT CONTROL** – Noted that rabbit activity has increased. Agreed to confirm the arrangement with Richard Benson for rabbit control.
- c) ALLOTMENT ROAD** – Mr Ross asked to cut the grass in the centre section of the road.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 7.45pm