

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday 19th September 2016 in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, Mrs J Briggs, M Proctor & J England; Mr B Ross, Mr J R Walker, Mr P Chapman; one member of the public and the Clerk.

518. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor J McKellar Main.

519. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared

520. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 22nd June 2016.

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and agreed to be a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 11th July 2016 Min. Ref. 1263/53

521. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 517a Security/Gate

It was noted that the Parish Council had approved the locking of the Butterwick Road entrance gate but a pedestrian gate to be installed which has now been completed. Letters of objection to a pedestrian gate from Mr Walker & Mr Chapman had been received and noted. Before locking the main gate it was suggested that the one way signs be removed and a passing point be created. Allotment 27D was suggested as a passing point but Mr Ross, as the tenant, objected to this, so it was agreed to manage without one for the time being. Clerk to arrange the removal of the signs, strimming the side of the railings for the pedestrian access, have the hedge trimmed and buy a padlock.

It was further suggested that the West View entrance should have a similar arrangement – enquiries to made for feasibility of this.

b) Min 512 Tarmac Planings

Mr Ross reported that tarmac planings are currently in short supply and therefore not available. It was agreed to try Specialist Surfacing to obtain some.

522. CORRESPONDENCE

a) RHS Newsletter

b) Mr D Peachey – complaint regarding security and advising of a bench recently stolen.

523. TENANCY TERMINATIONS – None

524. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

Mrs Yvonne Farr (49a) – request to take over the adjoining allotment 49aa – Agreed. It was noted that this allotment needs clearance work but the applicant is aware.

525. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Mr Chapman reported that he had completed the inspection and made the following recommendations:

- a) Allotment 1A – untidy notice to be sent
- b) Allotment 2B – untidy notice to be sent
- c) Allotment 54A – final warning to be sent
- d) Vacant Allotments 40A/B needs strimming
- e) Area around the Allotment Shed needs strimming to make tidy.

526. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Rabbit Control – Clerk to meet with Richard Benson to formalise arrangements.

- b) Best Kept Allotment Winners:
 - 1. 48a – Mr Peachey
 - 2. 27a/b – Mr Scott
 - 3. 45a – Mr Jaques

It was noted that the Best Newcomer was No. 38b – Mr Gibson but no prize was given this year.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 7.35pm