

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD in THE CHURCH ROOMS, WOODBURY, on 19 February 2015 at 8.15pm

Present: Cllrs P Glanvill (Chair), P Bricknell, Reg Brown & Mrs C McGauley: Mr N Batten, Mr G Joyce, Mr J Langley, Mrs G Newton and the Clerk, Mrs B Price were also present

AC334 MINUTES: The Minutes of the proceedings of the Allotment Committee meeting held on 27 May 2014 were received and confirmed as a correct record (P/S: Bricknell/Newton- AIF)

AC335 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence

AC336 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

AC337 ACCOUNTS & FINANCES: The Clerk tabled a paper showing the current financial position of both sites (App A). It was agreed that possible rental increases should be discussed at the next meeting.

AC338 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman reported that the WS allotments are looking very impressive and most of those at Woodbury, with the exception of the one inside the gate, are also looking well tended.

AC339 CONDITION OF PLOTS & CURRENT WAITING LIST: WOODBURY

- a. *To identify any untended or untidy plots and consider what action should be taken:* The one plot in need of attention was a difficult one with poor soil and the tenants visit the plot and do their best. No further action required at the moment.
- b. *To discuss any vacant plots & the current waiting list:* Plot 10a is vacant and after some discussion it was agreed to offer it to Anne Ireland. Plots 12a & 17a have not had agreements and have not made any payment. Clerk to sort.
- c. *To discuss the realignment of boundaries:* The boundary lines between several of the plots have become blurred and it was agreed that Mr Joyce would set a line with a laser line and put in some stakes to re-establish the boundaries.
- d. *Clerk to bring Members up to date with the situation regarding the Tenant who requires an individual shed on her allotment:* Cllr Mrs McGauley advised that she had spoken with Debbie Priddle at a recent PC surgery and reiterated the response given previously several times by the Clerk that no individual sheds would be allowed on the plots and the communal shed would have to be used. However, the space inside the communal shed is not fully utilised and it was agreed that Mr Joyce and Mrs Newton would investigate the idea of shelving and floor divisions to make personal spaces for each plot holder. A verandah outside the shed would also be a welcome addition, particularly during rain showers.

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- e. *To discuss the current arrangement regarding representation from the Allotment Holders' Association on the Parish Council committee:* It was agreed that the Clerk would give Mr Langley and Mr Batten the contact details of the plot holders in order that they can be contacted to discuss starting an Allotment Holders' Association. Once that has been organised the members of the Association can vote on who should represent them on the Parish Council committee. In the meantime Mr Langley and Mr Batten would be the designated representatives.
- f. *To discuss vacant/untidy plots and how they may be affecting tenanted plots:* The vacant plots are causing some concern as their weeds are spreading onto the tenanted plots. After some discussion regarding a solution to this it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Landscape and request a quote for cutting the area twice annually with a rough terrain auto sythe. In the meantime the Clerk will contact the two primary schools and the Church and enquire whether they would like to rent any of the vacant plots and advertise the vacant plots in the Woodbury News.
- g. *To discuss the problem of deer accessing the allotments and consider how best this can be avoided in future:* Consideration was given to the relative merits of putting up a higher fence and plastic mesh or fixing LED lights to the existing fence. Cllr Bricknell quoted approximately £275 for materials plus labour for the fencing. Lighting could be obtained for £20 for 20 lights and it was agreed to try this as the cheaper option in the first instance (P/S: Brown/Langley – AIF)

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- h. *To discuss and agree the purchase of a communal shed:* There is £750 from County Cllr Mrs Channon put aside for a shed but it was agreed that once Mr Langley and Mr Batten had discussed it with the new Association the PC Committee would be in a better position to ensure that what was purchased was what was required. Clerk to agenda for the next meeting
- i. *To discuss the situation regarding the water supply:* There is definitely a requirement for additional water supplies to service the plots further away from the entrance where the existing tap has been placed. It was agreed that the water supply should be extended by digging a trench and putting in a pipe and three troughs (at a very approximate cost of £50 per trough). More exact prices will be sought, and the committee will liaise by email. If anyone can be found with a mini digger that they are prepared to offer free of charge for the trench digging this would be helpful but if this is not possible a costing must be obtained to hire a contractor.

AC340 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next meeting currently arranged for Monday 19 October 2015 was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: Date