

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **19th March 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs J Briggs, M Proctor, J Mountain, J R Walker & T Foster, Mr M Walker, Mr P Chapman and the Clerk.

349. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor J England.

350. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

351. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 19TH December 2011.

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and were approved as a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 9th January 2012 – Min Ref. 985/152.

352. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 344b Anglian Water Plumbing Compliance

Councillor Walker reported that work is still in progress. It was noted that the work has been more extensive than originally anticipated and that the valves have been difficult to obtain.

353. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mrs Crossland – query ref. Allotment 47a. Noted that the allotment has not been worked for some time and that the tenant may wish to terminate his tenancy. Agreed that should the tenancy be terminated it should be allocated to Mrs Crossland.

b) Growing Communities Newsletter.

354. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

a) Allotment 38b – Mr Page

b) Allotment 58 – Mr Roddis. It was noted that this is a joint tenancy with Mr W Benson but that Mr Benson only requires one half. Agreed to allocate the other half to Mr B Ross.

355. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

a) Michael Welton, 53 Kealhome Road. APPROVED. Allocated Allotment 38b

b) Marie Lynaugh, Green Tree Inn, High Street. APPROVED. Allocated 27aa

c) Malcolm Scott, 2 Wentworth Drive. APPROVED. Next available allotment to be allocated.

356. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT

a) Allotment 11a (Wallis). No activity – untidy notice to be sent.

b) Allotment 16a (Oates). No activity – no action until after the rent collection.

c) Allotment 11f (Pitchfork). Councillor Foster advised that Mrs Pitchfork has recently had a premature baby and that there is likely to be less activity on the allotment for a short time. Agreed to monitor.

d) Allotments 2b/4b (Ancliffe). Councillor Foster advised that Mr Ancliffe has made significant improvements to his allotments.

357. OTHER BUSINESS

a) ANNUAL EXPENSES

The Clerk provided a summary of the expenses for the year 2011/12. It was agreed that the hedging & dyking expenses of £198.50 be divided between all tenants but the water expenses of £405.19 be divided between garden tenants only. Expenses therefore to be charged at £8.50 per garden tenant and £2.00 per plot for smallholders. It was agreed to review the annual rent at the next meeting. – the Clerk to provide a summary of expenses for the last 5 years

b) ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Clerk advised that the main hall is booked from 7.00pm. It was agreed to schedule the rent collection at 5.00pm with the meeting to follow at 5.30pm.

c) CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Mr M Walker asked if there had been any feedback from the police regarding the recent shed break-ins. He was advised that there hadn't and it was agreed to follow this up.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING