

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **23rd July 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

368. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors T Foster and J Walker.

369. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Received from Councillor M Proctor as an allotment tenant.

370. ALLOTMENT SECURITY

The Chairman invited PCSO Straker to address the meeting. He reported that the recent vandalism on the allotments is currently undetected due to lack of evidence but that the area is now given passing attention at weekends. He explained that resources do not allow for regular patrols. He also commented that this and similar issues had been raised at the Neighbourhood Action Meeting and had been forwarded to Safer Neighbourhoods.

It was noted that Mr Roy Tuplin was unable to attend the meeting due to being in hospital but that his son had been due to attend in his place – there had been no reason given for his absence.

The Chairman produced two covert (bird box) cameras supplied by Safer Neighbourhoods which have been made available free of charge and will be installed by the Safer Neighbourhoods team together with appropriate signage.

After much discussion about the merits of these particular cameras it was agreed that a site visit be made by Tracy Coyne of Safer Neighbourhoods together with PCSO Straker to determine that the cameras are the best solution and if so, the best locations for them. It was agreed that the allotment holders affected by the location of the cameras being contacted for permission before installation.

It was suggested that the cameras may also be useful for monitoring dog fouling offenders.

371. OTHER BUSINESS

a) ALLOTMENT TRACK 11A-11G

The Clerk reported that Councillor Walker had recommended that the track be surfaced with tarmac planings as it had not been done when the new allotments were created. This was agreed and Mr Ross agreed to carry out this work.

b) ALLOTMENT 42A

The Clerk advised that the tenant of 42a had terminated his tenancy. It was agreed that the plot be divided into two parts and allocated to the first two applicants on the waiting list, Mrs Wadge and Mrs Levitt .

c) ALLOTMENT 16A

Allotment reported to be overgrown. Untidy notice to be sent.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Chairman Signature: Date: