

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **17th March 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

428. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None received.

429. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received.

430. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 16th December 2013.

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. They were agreed to be a true record. The minutes were adopted by the Parish Council on 13th January 2014 – Minute Ref 1110/120.

431. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 427 Allotment Road

M Walker commented that the holes on the bottom road need filling and suggested that the top road needs tarmac preferably.

432. CORRESPONDENCE

RHS Newsletter.

433. TENANCY TERMINATIONS – None

434. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

a) Mr & Mrs Mitchell, 8 Middleton Close. APPROVED . Clerk reported that she had allocated Allotment 11c in accordance with Min. 425 (December meeting).

b) Mrs M Bradshaw, 6 Manor Farm Close. APPROVED. Clerk reported that she had preliminarily allocated 35A subject to approval. It was noted that the applicant has indicated that she wishes to take small children on to the allotment and it was agreed that she should be advised that the welfare of children on the allotments would be her own responsibility and that she be kept within the confines of her own allotment..

435. ALLOTMENTS INSPECTION REPORT

M Walker reported that he was disappointed that the new tenants had not started work on their allotments and proposed that the plots be given back to Mr Ross. There was no seconder for this proposal and it was agreed that letters be sent and another meeting be called at the end of April to discuss further.

- a) Allotment 42b – new tenant but no work carried out to date. Send letter giving four weeks notice to start working the allotment.
- b) Allotment 52a – new tenant but no work carried out to date. Send letter giving four weeks notice to start working the allotment.
- c) Allotment 52aa – new tenant but no work carried out to date. Send letter giving four weeks notice to start working the allotment.
- d) Allotment 11d – second untidy notice to be sent.
- e) Allotment 11g – monitor progress.
- f) Allotment 44a – second untidy notice to be sent.
- g) Allotment 54a – second untidy notice to be sent.

436. OTHER BUSINESS**a) Expenses Summary for 2013/14**

The Clerk provided a summary of expenses incurred during 2013/14 which amounted to a total of £521.97 for hedging & dyking and water. It was agreed that the expenses for garden tenants for 2014/15 to be £7 per plot and £2.75 per smallholding plot.

b) Speeding Vehicle – noted that a black VW Passat consistently speeds on the allotment road. It was noted that the vehicle belongs to Mr Kendall and Mr May agreed to speak to him.

c) Verbal Abuse to Tenant – reported that a lady tenant was subjected to verbal abuse from another tenant for driving the wrong way, when in fact she had been using the allotment road correctly. It was agreed that verbal abuse is not acceptable behaviour.

d) Allotment Road – further to Min. 431a it was agreed that more slag is needed for the road. Mr Ross agreed to carry out this work when he is available to do so.

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