

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair) Mrs J Briggs, J England, T Foster, J McKellar Main, M Proctor, Mrs B Todd; Mr B Ross, Mr J Walker.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** 1 Member of the public

**537. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Mr P Chapman

**538. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared**

**539. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Min. Ref. 1307/186a

**540. CLERKS REPORT**

**To receive the Clerks report providing information on recent issues and work completed.**

**a) Min530a Combination lock**

The Clerk advised that the combination lock was now being used on the West View gate.

**b) The clerk reported the burglary that had taken place at the Parish Council Allotment building on West View on 5 May 2017, when 1 mower, 2 strimmers and 2 hedge cutters had been taken. A replacement mower had now been purchased.**

**c) Min 530b Rabbit Control**

It was reported that there didn't appear to be any rabbit issues and agreed that the clerk speak to Mr Benson for an update.

**541. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL**

**a) To consider the maintenance of vacant allotments**

The clerk reported that Mr M May (allotment 35B) had offered to strim the overgrown vacant allotments over the winter months, any items could then be removed to allow Mr B Ross access with agricultural machinery to maintain. It was agreed.

**542. ALLOTMENT TENANCY TERMINATIONS/NOTICE OF TERMINATIONS**

**To receive and consider allotment tenancy terminations**

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|----|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| a) | Allotment 37B | M May       | swap to 35B                |
| b) | Allotment 38A | P Gilliard  | Retirement                 |
| c) | Allotment 17A | T Moylett   | Moved to East Ferry        |
| d) | Allotment 2A  | P Chapman   | Just keeping Allotment 36  |
| e) | Allotment 11C | E Botfield  | Not enough time – chickens |
| f) | Allotment 18B | Mrs Ellison | Moved to Scotter           |

**ALLOTMENT NOTICE OF TERMINATION**

The clerk reported that Mr B Ross had withdrawn his notice to vacate small holdings 12/13/14/15.

**543. ALLOTMENT TENANCY APPLICATIONS****To receive and consider allotment tenancy applications**

a)	P Chapman	15 Well Street	Allocated 2A on 28/3/17	APPROVED
b)	K Gibson	22 Briggate Drive	Allocated 38A on 29/3/17	APPROVED
c)	C Scott	18 Brigg Road	Allocated 37B on 17/4/17	APPROVED
d)	A Moore	73 High Street	Allocated 17A on 22/4/17	APPROVED
e)	R & C Young	8 Butterwick Road	Allocated 2A on 10/7/17	APPROVED
f)	H Williamson	15 Brigg Road	Allocated 35A on 4/7/17	APPROVED
g)	K & K Fowler	20 Elm Way	Allocated 11C on 17/8/17	APPROVED
h)	J Gondwe	16 Elm Way	Allocated 18B on 11/9/17	APPROVED

**544. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT****To receive the allotment inspection report and agree any necessary actions**

The following allotments were noted in the inspection carried out by Mr P Chapman – read out by the clerk in Mr Chapman’s absence.

- a) 2B/4B - Antcliffe
- b) 37A – Kendall
- c) 46A – Wombell

It was agreed to visit the allotments prior to any action being taken

- d) It was noted that some allotments are missing numbers. It was agreed to purchase treated posts and reinstate the numbers.

**545. CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk reported the results of the Best Kept Allotment Competition;

1<sup>st</sup> – S Bunn 5A

2<sup>nd</sup> – P Bratton 42A

3<sup>rd</sup> – M Proctor 17B

Newcomer K Gibson 38A/B

Prizes were presented at the Horticultural Show. It was agreed to write and thank Mr M Walker for judging the competition and provide a bottle of wine from Chairman’s allowance.

**546. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- a) Compliments to the recently cut hedges

**547. DATE/TIME/VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Village Hall, Messingham

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 6:50pm.