

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **20th September 2010** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J R Walker (Chair), Mrs J Briggs, M Proctor & J England, Mr M Walker, Mr P Chapman and the Clerk.

301. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors T Foster & N Poole and Mr B Ross

302. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None Received

303. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 21st June 2010

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and agreed to be a true record. The minutes were approved and adopted by the Parish Council on 12th July 2010 Min. Ref. 47.

304. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 297a Rabbit Control

The Clerk reported that Mr Duffield had recommenced the rabbit control. There were no further issues reported.

b) Min 301b Thefts

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to every tenant. Mr Walker reported that no further communication had been received from the Police. There were no further thefts reported.

c) Min 301c Allotment Road

Councillor Walker agreed to follow this matter up.

d) Min 301d Long Grass

It was noted that Mr Ross has now cut the grass as requested.

305. TENANCY TERMINATIONS

a) ALLOTMENT 49A

The Clerk reported that Mrs Singh of Allotment 49a wishes to terminate half of the allotment. This was approved. It was agreed that Mrs Singh be told to weed spray the uncultivated part so that it may be re-allocated from 1st November.

b) ALLOTMENT 54A

It was reported that this allotment has not been worked for over a year despite previous reminders to the tenant. It was agreed to terminate the tenancy and to make a charge for weed spraying.

306. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

1. Mrs M Clayton, 2 Scallow Grove Cottages, Kirton Road – Approved. Allocate 54a from 1st November

2. Mrs N Pitchfork, 22 Park Street – Approved. Allocate half of 49a from 1st November

3. Mr M Burr, 4a High Street – Approved. On waiting list

4. Mr R Benson, Swallow Cottage, Cross Tree Road – Approved. Joint tenancy with Mr P Chapman on Allotment No. 36 approved - effective from July 2010.

5. The Clerk reported that an enquiry had been made on behalf of a 14 year old boy – Joshua Goodyear and that she had written back to advise that the tenancy must be held by an adult. This was agreed

307. UNTIDY ALLOTMENTS

The following allotments were reported to be unsatisfactory and letters to be sent: 11e; 16c; 42b; 42bb; 2b; and 3a

308. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **WEST VIEW ALLOTMENTS** – Reported to be overgrown between hedge and allotments 1-6, reducing the access to almost 6ft in places. Mr Ross to be asked to cut back when possible.

- b) **BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT COMPETITION**
The winners were noted: 1st Allotment 56a Mr & Mrs Martin; 2nd Allotment 48a Mr Peachey; 3rd Allotment 45a Mr Jaques.

- c) **WATER PIPE NEAR ALLOTMENT 34**
Handyman to be asked to blank the tap off and move the stand pipe to another location if possible.

- d) **RAT CONTROL**
The Clerk reported that David Jacklin is scheduled to recommence rat control from October. It was agreed that this service is not cost effective and should be discontinued. To be referred to Parish Council.

- e) **WEST VIEW FENCE**
It was reported that the old timber fencing to the side of the gate needs removing and replacing. Refer to Parish Council

- f) **BUTTERWICK ROAD GATE**
Councillor Walker reported that he and Mr Ross had this matter in hand. It was suggested that the damaged section could be used to replace the West View fence – to be investigated.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING