

Minutes of the **Allotment Advisory Committee** held in the Village Hall on **Monday 21st December 2009** commencing at 7.00pm.

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

280. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors J R Walker and J England.

281. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

282. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 21st September 2009.

The minutes were circulated to every member prior to this meeting and were accepted as a true record. The minutes were approved and adopted by the Parish Council on 12th October 2009 – Min Ref. 827/102a.

283. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 275a Allotment 11a

It was noted that improvements have been made to this allotment and is now in a satisfactory condition.

b) Min 275c Allotment 54a

The Clerk reported that she had sent an untidy notice letter to the tenant in November. It was noted that improvements have been made and is now in a satisfactory condition.

c) Min 277b Allotment 47a

The Clerk reported that Mr Ingledew had withdrawn his application due to a change in circumstances and that this allotment had now been re-allocated in two halves to Mr & Mrs Cox (47a) and Mr Taylor (47b).

d) Min 277d Allotment 42a

The Clerk reported that the tenant had given written termination and the allotment has been re-allocated in two halves to Mr Bradley (42a) and Mr Prendergast (42aa).

e) Min 279a Rat Control

The Clerk reported that two visits per month are included in the pest control contract. It was noted that the visits are being made.

f) Min 279c Allotments 12-15 Access

Mr Ross re-iterated his concerns for the access to Allotments 12-15 with a combine. Previously permission had been given from the tenant of Allotment 19 for once a year access across his allotment but that this permission had now been withdrawn. It was agreed that members of the committee should make a site visit to consider this problem further. It was also noted that the hedge on West View belonging to Green & Sons needs trimming back which would improve access – it was agreed to write to the owners.

284. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mr J Cox – request to erect shed on Allotment 47a. Approved.

b) Mr R Leaning – request to erect shed on Allotment 11e. Approved.

285. TENANCY APPLICATIONS

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| a) | S Barley, 31 Butterwick Road | APPROVED |
| b) | D Massey, 42 Knightsbridge Road | APPROVED |
| c) | A Chapman, 18 West Green | APPROVED |

It was noted that including the names above there are currently 7 names on the waiting list. The Clerk agreed to update the allotment register and circulate to all members of the committee.

286. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) BUTTERWICK ROAD GATE – following the recent car accident which damaged the gate, the Chairman advised that the Parish Council are hoping to carry out the repairs with the assistance of Mr Ross and Councillor Walker. It was noted that the driver of the vehicle has not been identified to date.
- b) ALLOTMENT 18A – CHICKENS – Mr Walker expressed his concern about the living conditions and welfare of the chickens being kept on Allotment 18a. It was agreed to write to the tenant for assurances that the livestock is being kept to a recognised standard.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.