

Minutes of **Allotment Advisory Committee** held on Monday **21<sup>st</sup> June 2010** in the village hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

**294. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor J England (holiday) and Councillor T Foster.

**295. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None received

**296. MINUTES OF LAST METING 15<sup>TH</sup> March 2010.**

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting and approved as a true record. Adopted by the Parish Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 *minute ref. 862/207a*.

**297. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 293b RABBIT CONTROL**

Mr Ross confirmed that he had removed the zinc sheets. It was noted that Mr Duffield has not been seen at the allotments for some time and that the rabbit problem has increased. Agreed to contact Mr Duffield to start again if possible or investigate alternative arrangements. It was suggested that any costs incurred could be passed to tenants.

**298. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr M Oates - Request for a shed on Allotment 16a. Approved.

**299. TENANCY TERMINATIONS**

- a) 34A Benson – terminated by Clerk due to failure to respond to untidy allotment notice plus non payment of rent. Allotment reallocated to Mr B Ross who requested permission to plough up the track. This was approved – handyman to blank off the water tap.
- b) 11A Jarvill – expenses paid up to April 2010.
- c) 50A Douglas – rent and expenses paid but terminated due to change in circumstances. Allotment split in half – 50A offered to Mrs Massey but declined due to change in circumstances. 50AA allocated to Mrs Chapman.
- d) 11F Welham – rent and expenses paid but terminated due to change in circumstances.
- e) 16AA Harris – rent and expenses paid but terminated due to change in circumstances.

**300. TENANCY APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk advised that due to the number of terminations, all applicants had been allocated a vacant allotment. This action was approved as follows:

- a) Mr C Grice, 6 Calder Green. Allotment 11F allocated on 7.5.10
- b) Mr C Wallis, 122 Brigg Road. Allotment 11A allocated on 1.5.10
- c) Mr C Brown, 3 Kealholme Road Allotment 50A allocated on 23.5.10
- d) Mrs J Woodcock, 1 Kealholme Road Allotment 16AA allocated on 23.5.10

**301. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Untidy Allotments**

49a – letter sent to tenant who has replied to advise that more time will be available to them from July. It was noted that there has been work carried out.

16c – new tenant who has recently moved house – agreed to monitor before taking action.

**301. OTHER BUSINESS continued****b) Thefts**

It was noted that 13 sheds had been broken into plus one complete shed taken between 9pm and 9am on 7/8<sup>th</sup> June. Mr M Walker advised that the police had been informed and had met him on site but he was unhappy with the lack of concern shown. The Chairman reported that a police patrol had been seen in the area on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> but agreed to follow the complaint up with the police. It was agreed that all tenants should be made aware of the recent thefts and warned to be vigilant, reporting any suspicious activity and not to leave anything of value on their allotments.

**c) Allotment Road**

Mr M Walker reported that the increase in the number of tenants has led to an increase in traffic and that the roads are deteriorating much quicker than normal. It was agreed that Cllr. Walker would estimate the materials needed and refer the matter to the parish council.

**d) Long Grass**

Cllr. Proctor reported very long grass near allotments 16a/b/c. Mr Ross agreed to cut this back.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting Closed 8.05pm.