

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Allotments Committee was held in the Town Hall, Stokesley on Tuesday 18 February 2020 commencing at 7 pm

Allotment Committee Membership

Cllrs Carol Lewis, David Oxley, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake.

Allotments Representative – Jen Wheildon.

Present: Cllrs Carol Lewis (Chairman) David Oxley and Andy Wake.

Julie McLuckie – Town Clerk

1/18/02/20 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2/18/02/20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present.

3/18/02/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to receive and accept the apologies for absence from Cllr Graham Sowerby and Mrs Jen Wheildon.

4/18/02/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

5/18/02/20 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting held on the 29 October 2019 be agreed.

6/18/02/20 TO RECEIVE THE FEEDBACK FROM THE ALLOTMENTS RENT NIGHT HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2020

Thanks, were given to Wendy Smith who kindly gave a presentation on organic gardening to Tenants at the Allotments Rent night.

- a. Assist an Allotment Holder Event - **RESOLVED** that the first event was scheduled to take place on Saturday 14 March 2020 between 9.30 am and 1 pm. Tenants had been asked to confirm their attendance and if they had any tasks, they needed assistance with. In addition, Cllr Lewis had drawn up a list of jobs that would benefit from attention which included removal of the leaf build up on the car parks, weed and plant the wild flower verge, rake the gravel from the roadside back onto the main track, apply anti climb paint and assistance to trim the bee garden. It was agreed to erect two gazebo's and supply burger and sausages buns as a way of thanking those attending. In addition, a short survey would be handed out at the end of the day to establish support or otherwise of the development of a 'Friends of Allotments' group.

- b. Additional gravel / roadstone to be provided at the Broadacres side of the gateway to help prevent puddling – **RESOLVED** to purchase additional roadstone to prevent future puddling.
- c. Spare Seed / Plant Network – **RESOLVED** to try and co-ordinate a spare seed / plant network. Anyone who had spare seeds and plants should notify the Allotments Chairman or Town Clerk who would oversee the sharing programme ensuring that any information shared is compliant with GDPR. Cllr Lewis would also discuss with the Allotments Caretaker the possibility of introducing a store on the allotments ensuring it was robust and secured to the ground where tenants could leave spare seeds and seedlings.

7/18/02/20 TO REVIEW EVENTS AND PROGRESS FROM 2019/20

- a. Broadacres and our Track – **RESOLVED** to pass on sincere thanks to Broadacres for their prompt response in cutting back the hedge and infilling the track. The Clerk would also ask them if they could programme in for the hedge to be cut again in early April before the bird’s nest or early September.
- b. Hedgerows– **RESOLVED** that the Hawthorn hedge be removed following a request from residents on the Mews who would like to be able to maintain their fences. Residents will be asked to notify us and will have to obtain a loan key with a deposit and time limit agreed. It was also noted that work is progressing on thickening the hedge on the end of Rosehill to prevent unwanted access.

8/18/02/20 FORWARD PLAN FOR 2020/21

- a. Neighbours Network – annual event – **RESOLVED** to monitor the support for the event on 14 March and establish whether this is something that the Allotment Holders would like to develop on in the future.
- b. Replace the Old Windsock – **RESOLVED** to purchase a new windsock.
- c. Track Maintenance – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would ensure that the spraying takes place in early April and September and that the potholes are attended to as soon as possible.
- d. Livestock – **RESOLVED** that as part of the newsletter tenants would be reminded that as part of their agreement, they must inform us of any changes to their plots including introducing livestock (only chickens and rabbits are allowed).
- e. Formation of the ‘Friends of the Allotments’ – as above this will be subject to consultation with Allotment Holders.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

SignedDate