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Dear Councillor,

30 November 2023

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **ALLOTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE** to be conducted at the **Pannett Gallery**, on **Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 11:00am**, the agenda for which is set out below.



Michael King
Town Clerk

To: Councillors Mrs Brown, Dalrymple, Harrison, Jones and Riddolls,

Subs. Councillors Harston and Mrs S Turner

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To resolve upon apologies for inability to attend.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests which members may have in the following agenda items and consider any dispensation requests.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders will be suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for questions or statements about business items on the agenda, submitted by members of the public (limited to 3 mins per person).

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2023

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To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Allotments Sub Committee Meeting held on 29 August 2023.

5. ALLOTMENTS

To receive an update from allotment holders and consider maintenance issues.

- a. **STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS**
- b. **CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS**
- c. **CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENT**

6. REQUESTS

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To consider requests, attached.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **ALLOTMENTS SUB** Committee held in the Normanby Room, Whitby Museum on Tuesday 29 August 2023 at 11:00am.

Present: Councillors Brown (Chair), Dalrymple, Harrison and Riddolls.

Also: M King, Town Clerk, one member of the public.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting was given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

159/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of either former Chair or Vice Chair, Cllr Dalrymple took the Chair for this item as Town Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Mrs A Brown be elected Chair of the Allotments Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

160/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

161/23 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

MOVED by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Harrison and

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor C Riddolls is appointed Vice-Chair of the Allotments Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

162/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

It was noted that Cllr Brown has been granted dispensation to speak and vote on matters relating to the allotments.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

163/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An allotment holder for Stakesby Vale raised four issues in respect to the maintenance of the boundary hedge and eucalyptus tree, proof of tenancy cards, Kirkham Road flooding and Kirkham Road unregulated parking obstructing the allotment gates – dealt with under item 166/23.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

164/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and unanimously

RESOLVED that minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

165/23

ACTIONS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING OF A NEW COUNCIL YEAR

- a) Review of the terms of reference of the Sub Committee.
- b) Review of delegation arrangements to employees.
- c) Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders, policies and procedures relating to the functions of the Sub-Committee
- d) Review of the anticipated Sub Committee workload for the coming year.

MOVED *en bloc* by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Riddolls and

RESOLVED that the procedures are adopted as read and that future meetings be set at two-monthly intervals for the remainder of the council year.

166/23

ALLOTMENTS**a) STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS**

MOVED by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and

RESOLVED (a) that the allotment holders approach the neighbouring property holder to request pruning of the eucalyptus tree in the boundary hedge; and
(b) that the town council devise and produce an allotment tenant card, to be made available to allotment tenant on request.

MOVED by Councillor Riddolls, seconded by Councillor Harrison and

RESOLVED (c) that requests to clear the gullies on Kirkham Road be made via the North Yorkshire Council website and the parish portal; and
(d) that the Chair write to NY Councillor Trumper to raise awareness of the flooding issues experienced; and
(e) that a request for 'H-bar' road markings adjacent to the allotment gates on Kirkham Road be referred to TD&I for transmission to Highways.

b) CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS

Members considered the report on the condition of the allotments, access paths and current occupancy. Members considered the viability of the allotments, given their location, condition and level of vacancies.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Harrison and

RESOLVED (f) that North Yorkshire Council is approached to understand its intentions over the green space around the allotments at California Beck and to consider alternative provision if more appropriate social and community use could be made of the existing site; and
(g) that reletting is paused pending that conversation and a full inspection of the allotments by the subcommittee.

c) CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENT

Members considered the report on the condition of the allotments Cholmley contributed an update on issues relating to the water supply, which was noted.

d) INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

MOVED by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and unanimously

RESOLVED (h) that allotment holders be reminded that informal associations for each site are permitted under the town council's allotment rules but must comply with those rules;
(i) that each site be encouraged to mandate one or more allotment holders to speak for each site at future meetings; and
(j) that a site visit (primarily Cholmley and California Beck) be organised for members for the subcommittee.

Signature

5 December 2023



California Beck Plot 1

A community group has offered to take responsibility for Plot 1 California Beck. They would like to establish a fishermen's community allotment as it has the potential to significantly improve both the physical and mental wellbeing of the fishing community.

For the younger members of the fishing community there is very little scope to socialise outside of the pub environment and this will provide a valuable secondary option.

Some of the biggest challenges fishermen face in later years are loneliness and inactivity. The benefits of gardening for the elderly are very well documented, and to have an environment where there is an option for fresh air and light exercise with people from their own community can only improve the quality of life for people.

The benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables are well known, and we are keen to experiment with and incorporate the use of seaweed throughout as a potential showpiece for their intended future kelp farming endeavours.

Recommendation – that Plot 1 at California Beck is rented to the group as an entity on the basis that the group takes responsibility for all ground clearance and remodelling of the site.

Stakesby Vale Plot 4

The holder has requested to put a small wildlife pond on the plot. The proposal is to encourage frogs that will eat all the slugs and save the cabbages.

Recommendation – that the holder of Plot 4 Stakesby Vale is granted permission to site a small wildlife pond, subject to it not exceeding 3 square metres in area and 1m in depth, in line with the allotment rules, and there being no objection from the plot holders of 2 and 6 stakesby Vale.