

## WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held in the Staithes Gallery, Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Winspear (Chairman), Ms R Pearson and Mrs L Wild

**ALSO**

**PRESENT** Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk, two allotment holders from Stakesby Vale and one from Cala Beck.

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

**A329/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor R Barnett.

**A330/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Ms R Pearson declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5b Cala Beck

**A331/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously

**RESOLVED** : That standing orders are suspended to allow allotment holders to speak and ask questions where necessary and reinstated to make the resolution.

**A332/19 MINUTES**

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

**A333/19 STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS**

i) The Clerk reported on actions taken in respect of infringement of Rule 10.3 by three Allotment Holders. The Clerk reported that a shed had been entered by force on a plot where the previous tenant had been evicted, the shed and goods it contained had been forfeited making them the property of the Town Council. Photographic evidence of the entry and removal of a rotavator had been reported to the Police and the three individuals had been spoken to. Two of the plot holders had previously been given notice for serious breaches of allotment rules which due to a technicality could not be progressed. They had been issued a tenancy with the restriction that if they breached allotment rules again, they would be given notice of eviction with no right to appeal, the Clerk had now carried this out. The Clerk reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party involved was very remorseful and had to her knowledge never breached the rules previously. Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Committee endorse the Clerk's action in issuing the notice of eviction for Plot 22 and that the third plot holder is put on a 12 month probation which will be removed if no more allotment rules are broken.

ii) To receive an update from Stakesby Vale Allotment Holders.

The Stakesby Vale Allotment holders present reported that a very good job had been made of installing the new path and other works. A discussion was held regarding whether the removal of the terracing previously installed on Plot 4 would be beneficial or whether it should be retained but done properly, the Clerk will look into the financial implications. It was also noted that the scaffold poles still needed to be removed from the bottom of Plot 6 before it was re-let. The holders asked if the use of a What's App group for the allotments was to be progressed. Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this information was noted.



iii) Actions still required regarding plots 6, 12a and 16. .

It had previously noted that the scaffold poles still needed to be removed from the bottom of Plot 6 before it is re-let. There is still a lot of work to be done on Plot 16 to clear it before it can be let, Plot 12a was also badly overgrown, however some interest has been shown from other allotment holders and members moved to the next item.

Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this information was noted.

iv) Outcome of recent inspection and requests to change or take over Allotments. Members discussed this at length, most of the issues would be overcome by changes to tenants, however this needed discussing in more detail.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor Ms R Pearson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that all plot holders who had previously indicated they would like to change plots are invited to attend an informal meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 p.m.

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**CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS**

i) To receive an update from California Beck Allotment Holders.

The Clerk reported that the contractor had picked up the keys to Cala Beck, however at yet he had not started. There were a number of vacant plots which need to be filled however the top plot needs stabilising and this will need to be undertaken as soon as possible. It was reported that one allotment holder maybe using an electric pump to draw water from the beck, this will be checked out. The Allotment committee will do a site visit on the following Thursday.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor Ms R Pearson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this information is noted.

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**CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENTS**

i) No Cholmley Allotment Holders were present.

Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this is noted.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – the next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

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