

## The WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Sub-Committee held in the Staithes Gallery, Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 10.30am.

**PRESENT** Councillors, D Collins, T Jennison, Ms R Pearson, Mrs A Smith and Mrs L Wild.  
**ALSO PRESENT** Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk, Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Town Clerk with Chairman and Secretary of Stakesby Vale Allotments, Plot holder, Cala Beck Allotment and a representative of JJ Harrison Ltd.

**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**

### A290/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and Mrs C Angus (Totally Socially)

### A291/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

### A292/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There was no Public Participation, but the Chairman proposed, and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders when required to allow representatives from Stakesby Vale and Calla Beck Allotments to speak on the relevant agenda items.

### A293/18 ALLOTMENTS

#### A) STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS

The Secretary reported on the following issues:-

- The hedges from adjoining properties to the allotments - 1 and 6 Stakesby Vale are not maintaining their hedges
- A rat has been sited on the allotments
- The issues arising from a complaint by Mr Mallinson – sent to the Town Council for information – Stakesby Vale Allotment Association are dealing the matter.
- An allotment holder bringing non-gardening items on to the site will be asked to leave if they are not removed.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council contact the owners of the above properties regarding the maintenance of their hedges; The Stakesby Vale Allotment Association monitors the issue with the rat and contacts Environmental health if the issue persists.

Stakesby Vale Allotment holders present were made aware of a proposed easement across allotment land for a water pipe from one of the adjoining properties.

The Town Clerk informed representatives of the Stakesby Vale Allotment Association that the new tenancy of the allotment gardens rented by the former holders of plot 6 will be taken back by the Town Council, and that the Council are looking to take back the running of Stakesby Vale Allotments and will not renew the lease in 2021. As both parties are in agreement with this outcome a meeting will be arranged in the future to resolve the lease of Stakesby Vale Allotment.

### FOOTPATHS

A revised quotation will need to be sent regarding the footpath works due to the time lapsed and increase in the cost of materials. JJ Harrison can begin work on the footpaths after Christmas which was agreeable with the allotment holders. As the footpaths are in an unsafe condition the Town Council will issue safety signs for the Stakesby Vale Allotment to display.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and unanimously **RESOLVED** that if the new tender is within 10% of the original cost the footpath works does not have to go out for re-tender.

*R Pearson*  
6th November  
2018

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a member of Whitby Town Council is present at the site visit at Stakesby Vale Allotment by JJ Harrison to discuss the works to be carried out.

**B) CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS**

The following issues were reported:-

- A new poly-tunnel has been slashed and a shed has been broken into – both incidents have been reported to the Police.
- Three water butts need ordering for three allotments on Calla Beck
- Issues are arising from camper vans parking on Spital Bridge – the Town Clerk will contact SBC regarding this problem. It was suggested that the Fire Brigade be contacted and informed of the issues
- An email from Totally Socially informing members of what they had done on the allotment was received by members
- JJ Harrison's to trim the paths and spray the overgrown allotment when the weather permits.

**C) CHOLMLEY**

No allotment holders present

**RESOLVED** that the overgrown allotment and Caedmon footpath are trimmed now and sprayed in April.

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**FIRST AID**

The Deputy Clerk reported on a First Aid Course for allotment holders at a cost of £446.50 **MOVED** by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a letter is sent to all allotment holders informing them of the first aid course and ideally 2 or more representatives from each site undertake the training.

**A295/18**

**BUDGET**

Costings are obtained for the replacement fencing of the four allotments 6b, 7b, 8b and 9b California Beck for inclusion in the allotment budget as well as maintenance costs for path spraying throughout the year.

**A 296/18**

**MEETINGS**

**MOVED** by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor D Collins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Allotment Sub-Committee meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the next 3 months.

*T. Jennison*  
*6th November*  
*2018*