

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held in the Staithes Gallery, Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT Councillors Ms. R Pearson (Chairman), D Collins, Mrs H Coughlan, T Jennison, Mrs A Smith
Mrs L Wild and C Winspear.

ALSO PRESENT Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk, Allotment Holders from Stakesby Vale (1) and Cala Beck (1).

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

A704/19 APOLOGIES
There were no apologies

A705/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
Councillor Ms R Pearson declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5b Cala Beck

A706/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION
Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor C Winspear 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.

A707/19 MINUTES
Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the meetings held 19th March 2019
Proposed by Councillor D Collins, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee meetings held on 19th March 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

A708/19 STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS
i) To receive an update from Stakesby Vale Allotment Holders.
The new holder of Plot 4 had reported that the path had collapsed where the former holder had removed their shed. A second report had been received from a plot holder regarding damage to a water tank and pipe. The Allotment holder present reported a spate of thefts of various materials.
Proposed by Councillor D Collins, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a site meeting is held on Thursday 18th April at 12.30 p.m.

ii) Remedial path works – Clerk to report.
The Clerk reported that 10% of the account has been retained until members had inspected the works. The furthest path which had been not been resurfaced needed attention as most of the stone put on originally had been washed away.
Proposed by Councillor D Collins, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** that these be inspected at the site meeting on 18th April.

iii) Action taken regarding plot 16
The Clerk reported action taken in respect of Plot 16 and Plot 12 which had become complicated due to misinformation. The result was that the former holder of plot 16 would retain Plot 12a subject to conditions regarding the removal of materials from Plot 16 so it can be re-let. Plot 12b had been let to the plot holder tending it during the last year. Councillor Mrs Smith felt that the Committee needed to consider stating its policy for full plots only, particularly at Stakesby Vale However, the Clerk suggested that all the sites needed to be re-mapped and re-numbered first as there were significant differences in size.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this information is noted.

R Pearson

4th JUNE 2019

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CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS

i) To receive an update from California Beck Allotment Holders.
The representative from Cala Beck asked on behalf of the plot holder when the works to the Plot 4 fencing would be carried out and when the glass would be removed. The Clerk reported that the order for the works had been issued to the contractor. There had been a mix up regarding the glass removal, the plot holder had taken it to the other side of the bridge as instructed so it could be collected. A plot holder on the other side of the bridge thought it had been dumped outside his allotment so had taken it back across the bridge before it could be collected. The Clerk will make arrangements for this to be picked up. Members discussed the problems relating to the removal of sheeting and sheds from Plot 7b which had been vacated by the tenant leaving access to Plot 6b dangerous and the banking collapsing onto Plot 7a1a below. Councillor Collins reported that all the locks had now been fixed and the barrier and access to the grazing field site sorted.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the site is inspected on 18th April and the damage is assessed, the Clerk will arrange for a contractor to attend.

ii) Potential uses of grazing land.
Members discussed whether the field should be considered for other uses. Councillor Collins suggested the field should be put to growing Christmas trees for resale, but other members considered the one access to the field would make removal of grown trees difficult. Members felt that the options for use as a grazing field should be explored before making any other proposals.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and with one against **RESOLVED** that the grazing field should be advertised on the website.

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CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENTS

i) No Cholmley Allotment Holders were present.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the next meeting will be held Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

R Pearson
4th June 2019