

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held in the Normanby Room, Whitby Museum, Whitby on Tuesday 31st October 2017.

PRESENT Councillor Ms R Pearson (Chairman) with Councillors; Mrs H Coughlan, D Collins and T Jennison,

ALSO PRESENT Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Town Clerk with Mr Smith, Chairman, Mr M Greenaway, Secretary and S Waite, Treasurer (Stakesby Vale Allotments Association) and two members of the public

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

A408/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs A Smith and Mrs L Wild, and Mrs C Angus (California Beck Allotments)

A409/167 MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor D Collins seconded by Councillor T Jennison and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee held on the 3rd October 2017 previously circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

A410/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ms R Pearson declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 b Calla Beck

A411/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Mr I Hansell and Mrs A Hornigold spoke about the ongoing complaint and stated that materials had been buried rather than removed. Mrs Hornigold highlighted concerns regarding the work carried out on the footpath and asked for a time scale for work to be carried out on this allotment garden.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders when required to allow representatives from Stakesby Vale and California Beck Allotments to speak on the relevant agenda items.

A412/17 ALLOTMENTS

A) STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENT

Due to an anomaly the work booked in to improve the paths on Stakesby Vale Allotments has been postponed. One path is in a dangerous condition, and it was agreed that Mr Harrison be approached to make it safe and to include steps for wheelbarrows.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and **RESOLVED** that SBC is approached regarding a weed spraying course for Allotment holders, and Mr Harrison is asked to spray Stakesby Vale Allotment paths.

B) CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENT

The Chairman reported that the Community Allotment is taking shape and has good soil.

MOVED by Councillor D Collins, seconded by Mrs H Coughlan and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Mr Cowey is contacted regarding the removal of his personal belongings after giving up this allotment to enable work to be carried out.

C) CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENTS

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor T Jennison, and **RESOLVED** that JJ Harrisons are asked to spray the vacant allotment at Cholmley, and this is offered at a peppercorn rent until April 2018

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- A413/17 REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RULES**
MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Allotment Rules with the proposed amendments are received and adopted.
- A414/17 BUDGET**
RECOMMEND that a further £5000.00 be sought on top of the £2500.00 – the money to be used to improve the fencing at Stakesby Vale and Cholmley Allotments
- A415/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
MOVED by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and unanimously **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'
- A416/17 COMPLAINT**
MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Ms R Pearson and **RESOLVED** that the allotment holders are notified that the soil at the bottom of the allotment is monitored and the allotment will be inspected on a quarterly basis – 1st week in February – May and August.
- A417/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
To be arranged

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