

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held in the Staithes Gallery, Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 10.30 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors D Collins, Mrs H Coughlan, Ms R Pearson, Mrs A Smith and C Winspear.

ALSO

PRESENT Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk, Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Town Clerk, representative of Cala Beck Allotments and one member 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

A442/19 APOLOGIES

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillors T Jennison and Mrs L Wild.

A443/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

A444/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Proposed by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Smith and unanimously

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

A Stakesby Vale Allotment holder asked a question regarding the transfer of tenancies to the Town Council limiting the plots to one per person.

A445/19 MINUTES

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the meetings held 4th December 2018.

Proposed by Councillor D Collins, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee meetings held on 4th December 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

A446/19 STAKESBY VALE ALLOTMENTS

To consider and discuss:-

i) To receive an update from Stakesby Vale Allotment Holders – none present

ii) Members were informed that the work on the footpaths had re-commenced earlier in the day.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor D Collins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the information is received.

iii) The Clerk had circulated responses from allotment holders regarding the intention of issue tenancies for one plot only

Proposed by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor D Collins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the information is received, and the Clerk seeks the view of the Council's Solicitor.

iv) Members discussed the next steps to be taken and the timetable for the voluntary termination of the lease by Stakesby Vale Allotment Association.

Proposed by Councillor C Winspear, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Smith and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Council's Solicitor draws up the termination document and the Sub Committee meets again on 5th February to discuss further.

A447/19 CALIFORNIA BECK ALLOTMENTS

i) To receive an update from California Beck Allotment Holders – nothing to report, however Cllr Collins reported that one allotment holder had informed him that he had a water butt removed by persons unknown.

A448/19

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Ms R Pearson, seconded by Councillor T Jennison 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.

ii) Members considered a proposal to let the grazing field for goats.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Council's Solicitor is requested to draw up a tenancy, in accordance with the terms agreed by the Sub Committee

A449/19

CHOLMLEY ALLOTMENTS

i) No Cholmley Allotment Holders were present

A450/19

FIRST AID

The Clerk reported the course had been booked for Monday 28th January, all those who had expressed an interest had been informed, four people had confirmed so far.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the information is received and that the checking and re-stocking of first aid boxes is delegated to allotment holders who have completed the course.

A451/19

BUDGET

The Clerk reported that the requirements for the Allotment Sub-Committees Budget for 2019-2020 had been reduced by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Stakesby Vale perimeter fencing had been removed, £2500 had been allocated for general maintenance and £2000 for a first phase of Cala Beck fencing and stabilisation works, this to be drawn from reserves. The Allotment Sub Committee had been requested to draw up a five year plan for maintenance requirements for the three allotment sites.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the budget requirements as recommended to Full Council are received.

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A J Smith