



Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Committee in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall, on Tuesday, 24th July 2018 at 7.30 pm. The public and press were invited and Parishioner Participation was at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Lord (Chairman), Taylor(Deputy Chairman), Handford, Catherwood, Linley, Wood. Also, the Clerk R A Hill.

Members of the public 12

Public Participation. During the meeting comments and information were also taken on the agenda items as they arose.

Mares Tail on Cammock Lane was raised as an issue particularly on the banking and plot 7A – it was agreed to agenda this for the 1st August 2018.

Overgrown Plots 12B needed strimming /spraying.

A request for a skip trailer was requested.

The wall at Station Road side had been reported to NYCC but they didn't believe it was their responsibility. The clerk reassured the allotment holder that it was under NYCC and they eventually fix it.

The drainage works on Dog Meadow were still outstanding – the clerk has been chasing the contractor and had been given a timescale for end of June early July which had now passed. If a response wasn't received in a week then another contractor would be approached.

The first item of business was to elect the Chair as Cllr Lord and deputy Chair Cllr Taylor

AC61 Apologies - Cllr Balsamini & Wood.

AC62 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests
None

AC63 Waiting Lists and Vacant Plots - To receive an update.

Resolved: That the update be received and noted that there were 12 people on the waiting list. 4 from Settle Parish and 8 from Giggleswick, Langcliffe and Rathmell.

There is currently a half plot on Cammock Lane and a half plot at Dog Meadow, however more plots may become available after letters had gone out about plots not in use.

Plot 12 B not to be re-let until after the winter of 2018 to monitor the water logging.

AC64 Plot Inspections

a) To receive a condition report following recent inspections.

Resolved: That there were 9 plots on Cammock lane that were not being cultivated or were in breach of the tenancy agreement or allotment policy. There were 11 plots on Dog Meadow that were not cultivated or in breach of tenancy agreement or allotment policy.

b) To approve letters to tenants or advisory notes to those in breach of tenancy agreement or allotment policy

Resolved: That these be approved.



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AC65 Policy – To review the allotment policy specification 2015

Resolved: Amendments were agreed and altered to clarify that permission is required to have poultry or bees on plots.

AC66 Dog Meadow – to receive notice of the increase of rent to £1,000 per annum with effect from February 2019 on the leased land and approve the memorandum of agreement

Resolved: That this be approved, signed and returned.

AC67 Correspondence – To receive correspondence and future agenda items.

a) to consider the use of water pumps to take water from the springs.

Resolved: That the concern was noted but the Council did not consider this a significant issue at this time.

b) An email requesting access to the riverside be improved and a consultation with tenants for water supply at Cammock Lane site.

Resolved: That the Council did not have rights or access to the riverside and therefore could not do anything about this request. The water supply query be dealt with together with the next agenda item.

c) Letter with a proposal to investigate the provision of a water supply at Cammock Lane

Resolved: Investigate water supply solutions for Cammock Lane including access to the water hydrant near plot ZX1. Consider emergency measures for this summer and agree criteria and the trigger point for the emergency supply. These items to be placed on the agenda for the Full Town Council meeting on Wednesday 1st August 2018. Another allotment Committee meeting to be arranged to progress these matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:21 p.m. **RAH**