



Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Committee in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall, on Thursday, 16th November 2017 at 6.00 pm. The public and press were invited and Parishioner Participation was at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllrs David Taylor (Chairman), Handford, Tyrer, Catherwood, Lord. Also, the Clerk R A Hill and the Admin Finance Assistant H Witt

Members of the public 5

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

AC54 Apologies - Cllr Balsamini, Beesley, Bellfield, Cotton.

AC55 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests
Cllr Catherwood declared a DPI in Agenda item AC58b.

AC56 Waiting Lists and Vacant Plots - To receive an update.

Recommended: That the update be received and noted that there were 7 people on the waiting list. 2 from Settle Parish and 5 from Giggleswick/ Langcliffe.

There are currently 3 half plots on Cammock Lane. There are no vacant plots at Dog Meadow

AC57 Plot Inspections To receive feedback receive a note of action taken on uncultivated plots or any other significant issues requiring attention.

All uncultivated plots had received letters and any plots made available had been re-let apart from 2 on Cammock Lane and 1 not being given up until January 2018

AC58 Dog Meadow

a) To consider any further action required at this stage relating to 20b or elsewhere.

Resolved: That the quote be approved and the Clerk to liaise with the contractor to schedule the works.

b) To consider allegations of a breach of tenancy agreements regarding the sale of eggs.

Cllr Catherwood spoke on the above matter and she left the meeting at 18.23 p.m.

Resolved: That there was no evidence to support the allegation that a commercial operation was in place. (Allotment Act 1950 section 12 Abolition of contractual restrictions on keeping hens and rabbits). No action will be taken against the tenant. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

c) To approve and enforce the agreed number of Hens and removal of Cockerels.

Resolved: That even though currently tenants were aiming to reduce the number of hens to 15 per plot further research would be prudent. Information and guidelines for how many per square metre is allowed or good practice to be brought to the next available meeting. Any Cockerels still on plots were not to be replaced and rehoused where possible.

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d) Email from the new landowners regarding the lease and rent arrangements.

Resolved: That the work involved in tracing back payments to 1921 as requested would incur a charge for the Clerks time, the landowner should have their own records as proof of payment. The Council would like a new lease to be drawn up for the maximum amount of time to ensure security of tenure for the allotment holders. Payment for the rent will be paid on receipt of a draft lease.

AC59 Cammock Lane -to discuss any relevant issues.

a) To consider any action required to obtain a new Lease from Craven District Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk to continue to request a response from CDC.

b) To consider the forming of an Allotment Association.

Resolved: That the level of interest had fallen and that the tenants no longer wished to pursue.

c) To consider further action relating to the drainage issue at the far end of the site12b.

Resolved: That the plot be taken out of use and the Handyman to be asked to kill off the Mares Tail.

AC60 Amendments to the existing Bonfire Code.

Resolved: That the code remained the same.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 18:53 p.m. **RAH**