



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Committee in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall,
on Monday 15th July 2019 at 6.30 pm.**

The public and press were invited and Parishioner Participation was at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs James (Chairman), Balsamini, Catherwood and Taylor.

Clerk: Rebecca Hill **Assistant Clerk:** Ian Orton

Members of the public 14

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

AC198 Apologies

RESOLVED: Apologies were received from Cllr Lord.

AC199 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests None
No declarations were recorded.

AC200 Waiting Lists and Vacant Plots - To receive an update.

RESOLVED: There were 4 Settle Residents on the waiting list and 11 from outside the parish and 6 existing tenants wanting another plot.

AC201 Plot Inspections

a) To receive a condition report following recent inspections.

RESOLVED: That there were 6 plots on Cammock lane that were not being cultivated or were in breach of the tenancy agreement or allotment policy. There were 5 plots on Dog Meadow that were not cultivated or in breach of tenancy agreement or allotment policy.

Letters were to be sent to the allotment holders and a reinspection will take place in 6 weeks and tenancies maybe terminated if the breaches have not been rectified.

b) As a result of the plot inspections 2 plots on Cammock Lane are in the process of being re-allocated and 4 plots on Dog Meadow are in the process of being re-allocated.

AC202 Dog Meadow - To receive any comments from allotment holders and agree action as appropriate

- a) Comments were passed about one plot and the clerk will investigate and take appropriate action.
- b) It was agreed that two plots could be swapped within the allocations policy.
- c) It was agreed that £60 should be spent on a new notice to go on the gate of Dog Meadow Allotments.

A203 Cammock Lane

- a) Concern was raised by Cammock Lane allotment holders about an infestation of rats and rabbits within the allotments. It was agreed the clerk would engage contractors to remove the pests.
- b) Allotment holders were concerned that the gate was being left open and a notice should request that the gate was closed after use. It was agreed that a new notice should go on the gate.
- c) It was agreed that a gravelled path should be created from the entrance to Cammock Lane down to the first allotments at a cost of £400



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d) It was further agreed that a willow tree adjacent to plot 10a was removed.

AC204 Correspondence – To receive correspondence and future agenda items.
No items of correspondence were reported.

AC205: Membership of National Allotments Society

The clerk requested that the Town Council considered joining the National Allotments Society at a cost of £55 per year adding there were many benefits from joining the society including the provision of an arbitration service.

After further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to: Become a member of the National Allotments Society and use the services of the society to resolve a neighbour dispute on Dog Meadow Allotments.

AC206: Allotments Holders Social Event/BBQ

The assistant clerk suggested that the allotment holders may wish to consider supporting a social event and BBQ when allotment holders could exchange produce and enjoy discussing the challenges and opportunities of being an allotment holder. After further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to: Hold a social event on Saturday 7th September 2019 2pm to 4pm Cammock Lane.

AC207: Dates of Next Meeting:

21st October 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19:23 p.m.