

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House,
Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 6:00pm

Present: Councillor Tim Davies (In the Chair)

Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Raoul Hesse-Phillipson
Councillor Vaughan Hughes

Ann Cowan (Showfield)
Frank Holmes (Foxby Hill)
Ray Wilford (North Warren)
Dave Credland (Love Lane)

In Attendance: Clerk to the Council
Assistant Clerk to the Council

Also in Attendance: Mr Derek Cowan

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor William Parry

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

3. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

RESOLVED on proposal by Mrs Ann Cowan, seconded by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson that the notes of the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. **TO DEAL WITH ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE**

No business received.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

6. **REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised that Britain in Bloom is underway and the Committee have identified sections of the town they wish to improve. He advised that Showfield allotments would again be entered into the allotments section and advised that if any other secretaries wish their site to be entered to let him no.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation received.

8. TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk advised that we are still awaiting Lincolnshire County Council to reinstate the hedge and fence on Spital Hill.

9. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

No questions received.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None received.

11. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Cowan informed the Committee that she had the Police down on Friday as someone was on the site in a vehicle late at night.

Cllr. D. Dobbie arrived at 6:04pm.

Mrs Cowan questioned if the plot holders could remove the rubble from the fallen wall from the house on Gainas Avenue.

The Clerk advised to wait as he was in talks with the property owner at present.

12. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Mr Wilford informed the Committee that he had had 12 grid wells stolen from his plot.

The Clerk asked if he had reported it to the Police which he advised that he hadn't. The Clerk asked that all incidents need reporting to the Police.

Mr Wilford asked if he could have some hardcore for the gate area of the site.

13. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Holmes to a plot holder.

Mr Holmes advised that he had had his shed smashed in and a generator and strimmer stolen. 40 windows in his greenhouse had been smashed and 3 fires had been attempted.

Mr Holmes advised that he found a trace of blood in his shed and the Police forensic team got a DNA from it. The Crown Prosecution Service however wrote to Mr Holmes advising they would not pursue it as there wasn't enough evidence.

Mr Holmes advised that 2 x plot holders still had keys and were still visiting the site.

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. V. Hughes, seconded by Cllr. D. Dobbie to write a letter to the two x plot holders advising them to keep off the allotments otherwise Council will consider a trace of trespass, also to write a letter to the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service stating they are disappointed with their outcome.

14. **SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Nicholson was not present and hadn't passed on any problems or concerns.

15. **LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Credland asked for a lock on the Ropery Road gate.

The Assistant Clerk advised that she had asked the Environment Officer and would chase it up.

16. **TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 12th July 2011 at 6:00pm.

The meeting closed at 6:35pm.

Chairman