

## GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House,  
Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Simon Nicholson - Spital Hill (In the Chair)

Councillor Harry Clarke  
Councillor Dennis Dannatt  
Councillor Michael Hopper  
Councillor Keith Panter

Carol Richardson - Showfields  
Neil Currie - North Warren stand in  
Richard Parkin - Love Lane  
Peter Arthy - Foxby Hill

**In Attendance:**

Matthew Gleadell	Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones	Deputy Clerk to the Council
Sean Alcock	Operations Manager

**Also Present:** 2 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN**

Councillor David Dobbie  
Graham Thomas - North Warren

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies received and reasons given.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Secretaries agreed that they all had a pecuniary interest in their own allotment site but it was agreed that they would stay in the meeting to advise of any issues on their site. The Clerk granted a dispensation for this purpose.

**3. MINUTES (Paper A)**

i. Minutes of the meeting of Allotments Sub-Committee Tuesday 31 January 2017

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 31 January 2017 were approved as a correct record.

**4. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Carol thanked Council for the removal of the asbestos and informed Members that she had some good results from advertising vacancies on the allotments.

**5. SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Simon thanked Council for the asbestos removal and advised Members they have had theft of their water system, stealing taps and mdp piping, and warned other secretaries with above ground systems.

Simon asked for an update from the Operations Manager with regards increasing the height of the gates. The Operations Managers had got some prices that were in the region of £1,500.

Peter Arthy advised he would forward the Operations Manager details of the company he is currently working for as they do fencing and will provide another quote.

**6. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Richard advised that the car park will commence on Friday, and the site has lately had a few trespassers from a nearby property which he is hoping to deal with following a chat with them.

**7. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS – MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING**

Neil advised that the hedges had been cut back on the house side, but advised that the fence on the bank side needs a lot of attention once the site clearance begins.

**8. ALLOTMENT BUDGETS (Paper B)**

The Clerk distributed a report on Allotment budget positions for 16/17 & 17/18 and advised that earmarked reserves do need spending, so requested that ideas come forward.

It was suggested that reserves be spent getting North Warren Allotments into order.

**9. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENT**

Peter Arthy informed Members they have recently had a successful prosecution and another pending from having cameras on site, and advised secretaries to get in touch if they would like to know more about them.

Their recent AGM was the highest attendance to date with the main focus of securing the site. They have kindly been donated 50m of mesh, and looking into purchasing a container for equipment.

Peter thanked the Clerk for the help and support over the last year in becoming a self managed site.

**10. PUBLICITY**

Members requested allotment vacancies be publicised on the Council website.

**11. UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD : MY HARVEST** (Paper B)

Members noted the e-mail received from University of Sheffield.

The meeting concluded at 7:20pm.