

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House,
Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Tuesday 30 June 2015.

Present: Councillor Harry Clarke
Simon Nicholson - Spital Hill
Anne Cowan - Showfield
Dick Parkin - Love Lane
Peter Arthy - Foxby Hill

In Attendance:

Matthew Gleadell Clerk
Sean Alcock Operations Manager

Also Present: 4 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

None received.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED to appoint Simon Nicholson as the Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED to appoint Anne Cowan as the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. REPORT FROM CLERK ON COMMITTEE REMIT AND VOTING RIGHTS

The Clerk advised the meeting as to how the sub committee is structured; its remit within the Councils structure and functions document and how allotment secretaries may vote subject to abiding by the Councils code of conduct which the Clerk had sent to the secretaries in advance of the meeting. All secretaries present signed an acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct. The structure was noted by the secretaries present.

6. MINUTES

- i. Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee held Wednesday 31 July 2013.
- ii. Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee held Tuesday 18 March 2014.
- iii. Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee held Thursday 31 July 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 31 July 2013, Tuesday 18 March 2014, and Thursday 31 July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

7. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENT SECRETARY

Members noted that Peter Arthy had been appointed by the allotment site within their own constitutional processes. The Clerk reported that he fully endorsed the appointment.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Peter Arthy be formally approved and endorsed.

8. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENT SECRETARY

The Clerk reported that nominations had been received for a Mr. Graham Thomas to take over as site secretary and that Graham is willing to undertake the job. The clerk explained that Graham had been due to attend but was not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED to defer the matter until later in the meeting to give Graham Thomas a chance to arrive.

9. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Anne Cowan reported on a matter concerning inappropriate use of the well.

Members offered their views on the issue.

The Clerk explained he had been liaising with relevant parties over the matter and is in the process of dealing with it.

RESOLVED to note Anne's report.

Graham Thomas arrived at the meeting at ????

RESOLVED to take agenda item 8 next following the arrival of Graham Thomas.

8. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENT SECRETARY

Mindful of the Clerks earlier comments members were entirely happy that Mr. Thomas be made secretary.

RESOLVED that Graham Thomas do take the role of Allotment Secretary on North Warren Road.

10. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Peter Arthy commented that the new second notice board for the east side of the allotment is not yet installed but understood it is in the process to be dealt with.

Peter advised that there had been some more break ins with some perpetrators caught by camera traps.

Peter reported on a problem with Mayor's Tail on some plots. There were suggestions offered as to how to deal with it.

Peter reported some concerns about water use on the site which he will be looking to deal with. It was noted that the water account is in the name of the allotment itself and not the Council.

11. SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Simon Nicholson thanked the Council for a new padlock.

Simon enquired about progress with a gate being raised in height which was discussed the previous year. The Clerk confirmed he would investigate.

12. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Dick Parkin thanked the Council for the drainage work undertaken.

Dick stated there had been no break ins recently.

Dick reported there are 2-3 plots that he can't currently let.

13. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Sean Alcock reported on a recent incident of sewage flooding and its cause.

The Clerk advised that the site is no longer home to any horses.

Discussion was held about clearing the old horse sheds.

Simon Nicholson requested that, and other members agreed, that Cllr. Butler be formally thanked for the work he did on the allotments.

Note : Cllr. Clio Perraton-Williams arrived at 18.55pm.

14. HEDGE FLAILING

The Clerk highlighted that flailing work is likely to be carried out in the early part of next year and would be in touch with relevant secretaries to organise.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm.