

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House,
Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillor Dennis Dannatt
Councillor Keith Panter
Carol Richardson - Showfields
Graham Thomas - North Warren
Peter Arthy - Foxby Hill

In Attendance:

Matthew Gleadell	Clerk to the Council
Sean Alcock	Operations Manager
John Horan	Deputy Operations Manager

Also Present: 2 members of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk opened the meeting and requested proposals for the appointment of a Chairman.

RESOLVED that Simon Nicholson be appointed Chairman of the Allotments Sub-Committee for 2017/18.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Carol Richardson be appointed Vice Chairman of the Allotments Sub-Committee for 2017/18.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN

None received.

4. 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.

5. MINUTES (Paper A)

i. Minutes of the meeting of Allotments Sub-Committee Tuesday 25 April 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 were approved as a correct record.

4. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

No matters were reported save for the request for a communal shed.

RESOLVED to recommend to Community Services that a new shed be purchased for the site.

5. SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Simon Nicholson reported that combination locks on the site had been stolen or had their codes changed.

6. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

The secretary was absent and so no matters were reported.

7. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS – MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

The secretary reported on concerns relating to one of the plot holders and the need for an eviction notice to be served.

Graham queried the ability to let one of the plots which he believed was reserved for pigeon lofts. Graham was informed this could be let as gardens.

Graham raised concerns about the gates and requested that they be increased in their height to deter unwanted visitors to the site.

RESOLVED to recommend to Community Services that the height of the gates be increased.

8. ALLOTMENT BUDGETS (Paper)

The Clerk gave members an overview of the allotment budgets and available financial resources. Secretaries were encouraged to identify relevant projects for which funds could be used.

9. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENT

Peter Arthy gave members an update on the progress made on the site including the purchase of a new building that will become a community use building on the site . He also reported recent works carried out to the hedges and the strong support from allotment holders for this work.

10. ALLOTMENT ALLOCATION POLICY (Paper B)

A lengthy discussion was held around this matter. Concerns over the application of the policy was raised and the potential for it to be used in a manner that may be construed as discrimination.

RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to seek further advice and carry out more research on the issue.

The meeting concluded at 7.52pm.