

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House, Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: Simon Nicholson - Spital Hill (Chairman)
Councillor Keith Panter (ex-officio)
Carol Richardson - Showfields
Graham Thomas - North Warren
Gary Spencer – Chairman of Foxby Hill Allotment Association

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones Deputy Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer
Sean Alcock Operations Manager

Also Present: 2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Chris Lambie
Richard Parkin - Love Lane

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 Deputy Clerk granted a dispensation for this purpose.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Paper A)

Minutes of the meeting of Allotments Sub-Committee Wednesday 24 April 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 24 April 2019 were approved as a correct record.

Note: Carol Richardson & Graham Thomas abstained from voting on the above resolution.

4. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Carol thanked the Operations Manager for sorting the removal of the tree from The Cedars and for rebuilding 2 parts of the wall. The site had been hit by a few break ins, one with a small generator being stolen which had been reported to the Police.
Carol advised some plots will be becoming vacant shortly.

5. SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Simon thanked the grounds team for the grass cutting and fence posts, and a special thanks to Dave Brown for works carried out on site.

6. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS - MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

No issues raised when apologies given.

7. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS – MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Graham advised that all was ok.

Simon advised that he still wanted to visit the site with regards the ploughed land and would arrange to do this in the near future.

8. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENT

Gary Spencer advised that a ballot vote had been taken and the result was 57 – 9 in favour of returning under the management of the Town Council. He advised that the intention is to issue the Council with formal notice in the new year with a view to returning under the management of the Town Council in April 2021 under 11.1.1 of the agreement.

Gary advised that they had had a few recent break ins.

9. ALLOTMENT BUDGETS (Paper B)

Members **NOTED** the budget update as provided.

The Operations Manager advised that if any sites had any asbestos that needed removing to inform him and he will obtain a quote for a bulk collection.

The meeting concluded at 6.52pm.