

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Allotments Sub-Committee held at Richmond House,
Richmond Park, Gainsborough on Wednesday 4 July 2012 at 6:00pm

Present: Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Vaughan Hughes
Councillor David Manning
Mr Frank Holmes (Foxby Hill)
Mr Simon Nicholson (Spital Hill)
Mrs Ann Cowan (Showfield)

In Attendance: Assistant Clerk to the Council
Environmental Officer

Also in Attendance: 2 members of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs Cowan that Cllr. Manning be the Chairman of Allotments Sub-Committee for 2012 / 2013.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. Hughes, seconded by Mr Nicholson that Mrs Cowan be the Vice Chairman of the Allotment Sub-Committee for 2012 / 2013.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Richy Doran

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Hughes to accept the apologies and reasons given.

4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Hughes declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a Love Lane Allotment holder.
Cllr. Manning declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 as a Love Lane Allotment holder.
Cllr. Clarke declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a Love Lane Allotment holder.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED on proposal by Mrs Cowan, seconded by Cllr. Hughes that the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

No business received.

7. TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS, IF ANY, REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING

No business to dispose of.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

9. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The Assistant Clerk had nothing to report.

10. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENT SECRETARY

Cllr. Manning left the room at 6:10pm.

Members considered 2 applications received to become the Love Lane Allotment Secretary, one from Mr Parkin and one from Cllr. Manning.

Cllr. Hughes proposed that the Council write to all allotment holders with a voting slip and hold a secret ballot, seconded by Mr Nicholson.

Mr Holmes proposed not to allow Mr Parkin the secretary role, seconded by Cllr. Clarke.

A vote was taken as follows: -

Mr Holmes proposal received 2 votes for
Cllr. Hughes proposal received 3 votes for

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. Hughes, seconded by Mr Nicholson to write to all allotment holders with a voting slip and hold a secret ballot.

It was suggested that all Secretaries have a set protocol to work from.

Cllr. Manning returned to the meeting at 6:32pm.

11. SHOWFIELD ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Cowan advised that she had been to the office and already dealt with any issues.

12. NORTH WARREN ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

It was advised that the current secretary had not been officially voted in by the Allotments Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. Hughes seconded by Mrs Cowan that the Secretary will need officially voting in at the next Allotment Sub-Committee meeting and to advise the allotment holders in case any other applicants come forward.

13. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Mr Holmes questioned why rat poison was now not being issued.

The Assistant Clerk advised that it does not state in the agreement that the Council will provide rat poison, and the Council are cutting costs.

Mr Holmes asked if the Environmental Officer would look at the gate post as it needed putting back into place.

Mr Holmes also requested for 5 tonne of rubble to the track at the allotments.

14. SPITAL HILL ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

Mr Nicholson thanked the Council for the chestnut fencing.

Mr Nicholson advised the Committee that a long standing allotment holder had passed away and the allotment holders would like to erect a bench at the allotments in his memory and asked if the Council would donate one.

The Environmental Officer advised Mr Nicholson to officially write to the Council with the request.

15. LOVE LANE ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising, currently no Secretary.

The meeting closed at 7:00pm.

Chairman