



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Allotment Committee
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Thursday 17th March 2022

Chairman: *Councillor S.Sutherland*

Present: *J.Houlihan, E.Bruce, P.Davies, P.Malpas*

In attendance: J.Robinson (Town Clerk)

Members of the public: *2 members of the public*

ALL99.0.0/21. APOLOGIES

Cllr. A.Bruce, K.Hornsby.

ALL100.0/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. E.Bruce due to her husband being a tenant of an allotment.

ALL101.0/21. MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

ALL102.0/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. S.Sutherland advised members the replacement fence on Hambleton Way has started, the fencing adjoining the by pass on WCT1 has been replaced.

ALL88.0/21 TENANT PARTICIPATION

Tenants raised the following issues:-

- a, there is still an issue of rats on WCT site, the following names were submitted to attend the course on rat management PB/JC/SEL
- b. clarification on the height of fences. Members of Committee agreed to place this issue on the Full Council agenda for February 22nd to gain this clarification
- d. request for all tenants to be made aware of dates for the skips, this was agreed
- e. request for further consultation meetings with tenants
- f. a discussion took place regarding inspection of sites

ALL89.0/21 REPORT ON CURRENT TENANCY ISSUES

No update report given since last meeting as no allotments allocated/returned to Council, remaining items covered by agenda. The allocation of sites has been suspended until end of April after tenancy renewals have finished.

ALL90.0/21 INSPECTIONS

All sites/allotments are to be inspected by end of April. The management of the sites will be linked to the Rialtas Stsystem, and includes a specific app linked to inspections. Members agreed to begin with WCT2 site and all members invited to attend the inspection as a training session on the app itself. Members considered Google maps, but they are at least 4 years old. Members considered the possibility of using drones to photograph sites. Clerk to investigate drones including cost for the next meeting. Drones could also be used to manage all Council and Miners Welfare assets.

ALL91.0/21 2022 CONTRACTS

Clerk advised the renewal package has been sent to all tenants and indeed renewals taking place. A detailed report to be presented to the April Committee.

ALL92.0/21 PLAY AREAS

Awaiting DCC to repair Denebridge Road Play area before opening once again.

ALL93/21 DOG BINS

It was agreed Clerk chase up DCC in regards to replacing bins and also cost of purchasing 10 new ones and cost of SLA for DCC to empty.

ALL94/21 OPEN SPACES

No issues were raised.

ALL95.0/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed seconded by Cllr. J.Houlihan and carried to exclude press and public due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

ALL96.0/21 TENANCY ISSUES

Members discussed the report from both members and officers in regards to recent inspections. It was agreed to invite tenants to individual meetings to discuss issues relating to their allotment.

ALL97.0/21 FENCING

Clerk advised 3 tenders have been received for consideration at the Full Council to replace fencing on Hambleton Way site.

ALL98.0/21 NEXT MEETING

To be held on Thursday 17th March 2022 Hutton House Chilton at 10.30am.

Signed:-
Mayor of Chilton
8th March 2022