

**UNAPPROVED**



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS AND COMMITTEE HELD  
ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2015 AFTER THE PLANNING MEETING IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Bray, B Hobbs, G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, K Lloyd  
Asst Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES:** M Wheeler.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the last meetings held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 having been circulated and amended be approved and signed (AB/CB).

**3. INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ALLOTMENT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE AT THE CHAIRMANS DISCRETION.**

No members of the public attended

**4. WATER SUPPLY**

Cllr Bamford stated that the pipes needed to be realigned so that they don't go over people's allotments. There is an issue with water pressure. This issue had been raised before and will be revisited. The allotment holders were going to resolve the problem.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bamford would consult with the allotment holders for an update.

**5. ALLOTMENT COMPETITION**

Cllr Bamford said she was not happy with how the Allotment Competition was held previously as it tended to be about what the plots looked like rather than what was grown. Cllr Bamford suggested that the categories needed to be widened.

Cllr Kennett agreed to a natural break this year

Cllr Harris suggested sometime in May

Cllr Hobbs said need to liaise with the holders

Cllr Bamford said perhaps September, and could ideas be sent to her

It was **resolved** that the competition would be cancelled for this year and that the allotment holders would be consulted as to what type of competition they would like for 2016.

**6. SECURITY**

Cllr Bray said that there was trouble with vegetables being taken from Chris Jarman's plots

Cllr Bamford reported that there had been no problems at Long Halves and she is looking into natural hedging for the boundary

**7. GREEN COMPOST TOILET – DISCUSSION PAPER ATTACHED**

Cllr Bamford tabled a discussion paper and explained how a green compost toilet worked.

Cllr Hobbs suggested looking at grants Cllr Bamford concurred.

Cllr Bray asked where it would be sited

Cllr Kennett proposed looking into any grants available for allotment green toilets

Cllr Bray thanked Cllr Bamford for doing the research  
Cllr Kennett proposed getting a grant and seriously having a green toilet  
Cllr Harris asked if there was an allotment holder that would look after the toilet for a free allotment.  
Cllrs Kennett and Lloyd said that the Really Green Holiday Co have them.

It was **resolved** that the Parish office would investigate any grants available

#### **8. COMMUNITY SHED – DISCUSSION PAPER ATTACHED**

Cllr Bamford tabled a discussion paper and explained her vision for a community shed  
Cllr Bray stated that it was a good idea but asked if it was big enough  
Cllr Harris said that if the shed was too large that it may attract vandals  
Cllr Kennett asked if the shed could be added to the funding grant  
Cllr Bamford said she wouldn't go anywhere else but Lushington  
Cllr Fleury said need to consider siting cost as well  
Cllr Bamford said Lushington sheds are made to measure  
Cllr Harris mentioned Forest View Nurseries  
Cllr Bray mentioned water butts

It was **resolved** that a proposal be put to the finance committee to spend £5000 for a community shed

#### **9. GRAZING FIELD AND Paddock**

**That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

Cllr Bamford explained that a meeting had been held with Mrs Wager, the Parish and Asst Clerks and herself to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council taking back the paddock.

#### **10. PROPOSAL FOR NEW PATHS**

Cllr Bamford explained to the committee the requirement for a new path  
Cllr Kennett said this was part of an 'allotment improvement scheme'  
Cllr Hobbs suggested slabs  
Cllr Kennett suggested seeking advice from Brighstone landscaping, perhaps meeting up at the allotments  
Cllr Lloyd suggested having next Allotment meeting at the allotments  
Cllr Kennett summarised phase 1 of the 'Allotment Improvement project' water pipe, new path, new shed, green toilet on paddock. Phase 2 open allotments to the wider community eg: schools.

It was **resolved** that a proposal for the cost of a new path would be tabled at the next meeting.

#### **11. EMPTY PLOTS**

The assistant clerk reported that there was currently one free plot but it was extremely overgrown and not in a state to be let out.

Cllr Bamford told the committee that Brighstone landscaping has been commissioned to get the plot into a condition enabling it to be let.

#### **12. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

None

**13. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR 20<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2015**

It was **resolved** that the date of the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> October be changed to the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 and be held at the allotments.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm