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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Bray, B Hobbs, C Fleury, M Wheeler, G Kennett MBE, G Metcalf

Members of the public 1

Assistant Clerk: Emma Carter

AGENDA

Cllr Bamford asked to change the order of the agenda due to a speaker being present for item 3 of the seats meeting. It was agreed and Seats Items 3 was moved forward to the start of the meeting, before apologies being given and the meeting continuing.

Seats:-

3. Freshwater Bay Seats. – Freshwater Bay Residents Association (FBRA) spokesperson Mr Nicholson confirmed that they are very keen to have more seats down at Freshwater Bay, especially by the bus stops. Mr Nicholson also confirmed that FBRA would be more than happy to fund the placement of these 3 new seats. Locations are identified as: -

- The bus stop at St Agnes Church, in the shelter. A fixed perch type of seating would be preferable.
- The bus stop at Victoria Road/Guyers Road. A bench seat if possible.
- Blackbridge Road, near Nature Reserve at the Freshwater Bay end of the marsh. Bench type of seat if possible.

The first two seats were identified as being an urgent request. Mr Nicholson confirmed that Island Road had been approach and confirmed that these positions were given the ok by them.

Cllr Fleury proposed that these 3 seats be given the go ahead and then added to the Parish maintenance list. All councillors agreed to this.

The meeting then continued as normal.

1. Apologies None all present.

2. Election of Vice Chair-person. Cllr Clive Fleury proposed Cllr George Metcalf as Vice Chair and this was seconded by all Cllrs.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held 18th October 2016 – attached.

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the last meetings held 18th October 2016 having been circulated and be approved and signed (CF/GK).

4. Update on current waiting list numbers

Assistant Clerk confirmed the number as follows: -

- (a) Waiting list for a plot on a new allotment site: - 5 people**
- (b) Waiting list for a plot on the current site: - 19 people.**

Assistant Clerk also confirmed that there are an additional 3 people, still waiting to be re-homed from losing their plots to the badgers. They are priority to find plots for but they are not prepared to take a plot, that is in a state and needs lots of working doing to it.

It was suggested that the assistant clerk let Totland residents on the waiting list know, that if there are more than 10 people that are waiting for a plot, then Totland Parish Council need to place it on an agenda of a meeting to discuss it.

- 5. Allotment Site 2 – To Discuss way forward and next steps.** It was agreed that Cllr Kennett would approach local land owners to see what ideas could be explored.
- 6. Allotments Competition – To discuss about not holding the competition this year.** Cllr Bamford confirmed that due to all the upheaval at the allotments this year it was unfair to hold the competition as some plots have been worked continuously and others haven't had that opportunity.
- 7. Badgers – To update Councillors on work carried out in May to install the new fence and gate.** Cllr Bamford confirm that the above ground fencing and the gate had been installed. Assistant Clerk mentioned that feedback from the allotment holders had all been very positive about the fence and that some had planted edible hedging through it already. All Cllrs agreed that a great job had been made of it was a letter was asked to be sent out to the contractor expressing their thanks.
- 8. Rubbish Removal – update.** Cllr Bamford confirmed that a rubbish removal company were due to come in and remove the rubbish, left behind by the plot holders but the parish handyman, had been removing materials from the site on a regular basis. Due to this, it was saved the parish possibly two lorry loads at a cost of about £500. Assistant Clerk was asked to pass on the Cllrs thanks for doing this.
- 9. Maintenance and future of unused area – To discuss way forward.** It was agreed that the area should be strimmed twice a year and that it should be left to return to a meadow. Assistant Clerk and Cllrs Bamford confirmed that some fruit trees where already present along with fruit bushes. Once the area has been strimmed decisions will be made on what to plant in the area.

Seats:-

- 1. Update on seat numbering and mapping.** The new information sheets were sent out with the meeting paperwork for Cllrs to look at before the meeting. Cllr Hobbs pointed out that numbering was incorrect for some of the new seats that will be installed in the future. Assistant Clerk to pass this information on.
- 2. Position of 2nd Macrocarpa seat** – Cllr Kennett confirmed that Gift to nature would be happy to have one placed at Golden Hill Fort.
- 3. Freshwater Bay Seats.** Information as above.
- 4. Old Railway Line Seats.** Assistant Clerk was asked to pass on that the information was with someone else and to make sure that it was shared between the correct personnel.

5. Repair Programme. Cllr Wheeler asked if it was possible if the prices on the maintenance sheet could be confirmed as either net or gross. (With or without VAT.) It was also confirmed that a project sheet would need to be done.

6. To agree date of next meeting – suggested for Tuesday 17th October 2017. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm