

## LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Allotment Committee was held on Tuesday, 12 November at 6.45 pm in Lyndhurst Community Centre.

**Present:** Mrs H Klaassen (Chairman), Mr G Bisson and Mrs A Butcher.

**In Attendance:** Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

### 1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Klaassen, having indicated that she was willing to stand as Chairman, be elected for the ensuing year.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé and Mr K Kaljura.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 4. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Allotment meeting held on 3 November 2013, having been circulated, were signed as a true and accurate record.

### 5. Matters Arising

It was reported that the tenant who had been contravening the Terms and Conditions had been evicted although work would be necessary to enable the plot to be re-let.

### 6. Work/Activities Completed or Pending in Current Financial Year

#### (a) Track

It was envisaged that further work would be undertaken voluntarily by two allotment tenants to ensure that the track remained in good order.

#### (b) Plot Clearance

Due to circumstances beyond the Parish Council's control there were a considerable number of temporarily vacant plots. Although some plot clearance would be necessary to avoid weeds and seed affecting worked plots, prudence would be exercised until the plots could be re-let.

#### (c) Inspections

Regular plot inspections had been undertaken by the Committee Chairman and Clerk during the growing season.

#### (d) Noticeboards

It was noted that the two noticeboards had deteriorated rapidly since their installation. John McKenzie would be undertaking remedial action.

(e) *Vermin Control*

Ringwood Pest Control continued to make regular inspections and reported that there were very few vermin at the present time.

**RESOLVED:** To continue with the regime of regular pest control.

**7. Any items for discussion prior to budget recommendations**

None.

**8. Precept Request**

**RESOLVED:** That the following recommendation be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.:

| <b>Description</b>              | <b>Proposed 2013/14</b> | <b>Actual &amp; Estimated 2013/14</b> | <b>Proposed 2014/15</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Room hire/sundries              | 200.00                  | 0.00                                  | 100.00                  |
| Fencing                         | 500.00                  | 1740.00                               | 500.00                  |
| Plot numbering/signage          | 150.00                  | 0.00                                  | 150.00                  |
| Water                           | 500.00                  | 150.00                                | 400.00                  |
| Grasscutting - paths            | 350.00                  | 320.00                                | 350.00                  |
| Rent                            | 500.00                  | 492.00                                | 500.00                  |
| Tracks                          | 500.00                  | 500.00                                | 500.00                  |
| Pest Control                    | 600.00                  | 576.00                                | 600.00                  |
| Plot clearance/regeneration     | 2500.00                 | 2525.00                               | 2600.00                 |
| Hedging and ditching            | 1200.00                 | 1200.00                               | 1200.00                 |
| Noticeboard maintenance         | 200.00                  | 150.00                                | 100.00                  |
| Total                           | 7200.00                 | 7653.00                               | 7000.00                 |
| Estimated Income                | 2700.00                 | 2501.00                               | 2500.00                 |
| <b>Budget Requirement/Spend</b> | <b>4500.00</b>          | <b>5152.00</b>                        | <b>4500.00</b>          |

**9. Any Other Business**

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date