

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Allotment Committee was held on Saturday 15 November 2014 at 9.00 am

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Chairman), Mrs A Butcher, Mr K Kaljura, Mr M Rollé and Mr A Wiltshire.

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

None – all present.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Allotment meeting held on 12 November 2013, having been circulated, were signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

None.

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.

The Clerk reported that the track outside the allotments between Fenwick2 and the allotment gate was in need of some remedial action.

RESOLVED: That Mr Wiltshire will make an assessment of what work is necessary and see if it could be undertaken at the same time as the internal track work.

(b) Plot Clearance

A few plots are considered to be untidy although this is mainly where tenants have other calls on their time. There were several areas where plot clearance would be necessary, notably one large plot at the Fenwick2 end of the allotments and the other section at the Romsey Road end where the ground was very wet and difficult to drain. It was understood that the land drain that finished at Romsey Road needed clearance and might even be damaged

RESOLVED: That a Sustainable Development Grant would be sought for the first plot with the idea of creating a small orchard. The possibility of clearance of the land drain at the bottom end of the allotments would also be explored.

(c) Inspections

RESOLVED: That formal inspections will resume in the Spring.

(d) Noticeboards

The Clerk reported that the noticeboards were now in reasonable order, remedial work having taken place.

RESOLVED: That wood preservative would be applied in the Spring.

(e) *Vermin Control*

Mr Wiltshire expressed some concern as to whether Ringwood Pest Control were making regular inspections and taking the necessary action. Rats were beginning to reappear on the allotments.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make contact and try to ascertain the position.

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.:

Description	Income 2014/15	Budget 2014/15	Actual/Projected Spend 2014/15	Budget 2015/16
Amount b/f	6131.97			
Precept	4500.00			
Income	2496.00			
Room hire/sundries		100.00	60.00	100.00
Fencing		500.00	100.00	2000.00
Plot numbering/signage		150.00		
Water		400.00	91.66	400.00
Grasscutting - paths		350.00	350.00	350.00
Rent		500.00	550.00	550.00
Tracks		500.00	500.00	500.00
Pest Control		600.00	650.00	650.00
Plot clearance/regeneration		2600.00	500.00	1000.00
Hedging and ditching		1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Noticeboard maintenance		100.00	150.00	100.00
Asbestos Removal			300.00	
Total		7000.00		6850.00
Estimated Income	13127.97	2500.00		2350.00
Budget Requirement/Spend		4500.00	4451.66	4500.00

9. Any Other Business

It was reported that Plot 47 had now been vacated, fees having not been paid and a written explanation had not been provided as to why the plot should remain in its present tenancy. There was a padlock and mortise lock on the door of the shed and Mr Wiltshire was given authorisation to remove these items so that the shed could be used by the new tenant.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date