

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Allotment Committee was held in the Allotment Gardens, Pikes Hill, Lyndhurst on Monday 22 June 2015 at 6.30 pm

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Chairman), Mr K Kaljura, Mr S Se-upara 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. Mrs Klaassen proposed and Mr Se-upara seconded that Mr Wiltshire is elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Mr Wiltshire is elected Chairman.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Wiltshire proposed and Mr Se-upara seconded that Mrs Klaassen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Klaassen is elected Vice Chairman.

3. Apologies for Absence

None – all present.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Allotment meeting held on Saturday, 15 November 2015, having been circulated, were signed as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

None.

7. Budget

A copy of the expenditure for the financial year to date in the Allotments had been circulated to the Committee. The Clerk indicated items of expenditure that would have to be met in the current financial year and said that finance should be put in place for larger items of expenditure that could be planned for over a number of years, such as fencing and plot regeneration.

RESOLVED: To ask Brett Wateridge to examine all allotment fencing and provide a quotation for work required. Urgent action was required to the fence on the right of the Westwood Road gate and this would be expedited as soon as possible.

8. 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. Some necessary work had been undertaken using the same method to the track outside the allotment gardens across the open forest at the Fenwick end.

(b) Plot Clearance

The large plot at the top end of the allotments had now been cleared and the grass would be kept at ground level. Vacant plots were now gradually being let and some clearance was taking place and would continue. Plots at the bottom end of the allotments close to the Romsey Road would not be re-let due to wet conditions and their future would be considered in due course.

(c) Inspections

Inspections would shortly recommence. In the meantime it was noted that Plot 27 was not in its usual good condition and enquiries would be made by the Clerk who would also contact the tenant of Plot 52 as that did not appear to have been worked in accordance with the Terms and Conditions. Kevin Bennett would also be asked to have a bonfire of the rubbish towards the top end of the allotments.

(d) Noticeboards

RESOLVED: To ask Kevin Bennett to undertake cleaning and painting of the noticeboards.

(e) Vermin Control

It was not considered that any further action was necessary other than to continue with the Parish Council contract with Ringwood Pest Control. However, Kevin Bennett would also be asked to trim around the vermin control boxes to keep them free of undergrowth.

(f) Prevention of Dogs Entering Top Gate

Mr Wiltshire explained that a dog had recently got under the top gate and had killed a duck in the allotments. He had explored various methods of making the gate proofed against entry by dogs and the most effective method would require permission from the Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Verderers as it involved disturbance to the land on the open forest. Verbal permission had been obtained by Mr Wiltshire from the Forestry Commission and Natural England but the Verderers were favouring a method which the Committee did not consider suitable.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter supplied by Mr Wiltshire to the Verderers, seeking a meeting on site to further discuss this matter after which formal written consent would be sought from all three parties.

9. Any Other Business

None.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date