

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm at the Community & Youth Building, Rear of Redfield Edge School.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Allinson, M Bridge, R Coales,
G Hardman

Mrs K Fry – Clerk

There was also one member of the public present

The Clerk welcomed all to the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

120/21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collins, Efthymiou and Su Nash.

121/21. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

122/21. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The Clerk reported that the revised signage was still to be put up at Redfield Hill Playpark. She reported that the comparison in Tenancy Agreements from the National Allotment Association still needed doing.

123/21. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE NORTH STREET ALLOTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Chair welcome the Allotment Representative and thanked them for putting themselves forward.

The Representative advised that they had introduced themselves to many people on the North Street site and put forward the following:

1. Confidential page to be included on the allotment renewal letter for tenants to raise any issues they may have but may not be able to attend the meeting.
RESOLVED the Clerk to include this on the renewal letter.
2. Notice of the tenants meeting to be placed on the noticeboard on site.
RESOLVED the Clerk to ensure this is carried out.
3. More than one hedge cut to be carried out per year on site.
RESOLVED the Clerk to look at another contractor.
4. The trough next to plot 30 is leaking and is now missing its cover.
RESOLVED the Clerk to look at getting this repaired.
5. Manure delivered is not enough to cover the site.
RESOLVED to raise this at the tenants meeting to see if anyone knows of another supplier.

6. Request for an area of shared composting facilities for all tenants to use.
RESOLVED that as rents are low, tenants are to remove all waste themselves. This is to be reiterated at the tenants meeting.
7. Non cultivated plots. What is the protocol for dealing with this?
Councillor Allinson advised that an inspection is carried out in June each year and any not cultivated is informed to the Clerk who will then make contact.
8. Path widths. Tenants felt that the ½ metre width is not wide enough.
RESOLVED to keep it as it is.
9. Grass cutting. Can the grass be cut as a whole on the site to try to negate problems?
RESOLVED to keep it as it is and ask tenants to use common sense.
10. If the tenancy agreement is being revised, could it have clarification about the cultivation of shrubs, trees and hedges.
RESOLVED that within the tenancy letter renewal a paragraph be added to ask everyone to consider whether the things they are planting are considered as long term.

124/21. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Steve from Pinnacle Gains with regards to inserting some Hawthorn saplings in the gaps along the hedge and at the end of the drive in front of the resident of Batley Court. He advised to wait until the end of October to arrange for them to be planted open rooted.

RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange this to be done by the end of October to allow them to establish over the winter.

125/21. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

- a) **Budget for the Year 2022/23.** The Clerk circulated a budget proposal for 2022/23
RESOLVED to put this forward to the Full Council.
- b) **Allotment rents for the year 2022.**
RESOLVED that the rent be kept the same at £16 for a half plot and £22 for a full plot.

126/21. CREATIVE ARTS

Councillor Allinson praised the level of entries that she had received from 2 schools this year. Thought has been put into the theme for 2022 and further details will follow early in the new year.

127/21. BITTON IN BLOOM

Councillors discussed the Bitton in Bloom Competition and presentation for 2022.

RESOLVED that the competition to be back to all categories in 2022 and the Clerk to make arrangements for details to be included on the tenant's renewal letter.

128/21. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

RESOLVED that following on from the success of the 2021 competition that the criteria to remain the same for 2022 with Best Urban and Best Rural categories. Notices will be placed in January 2022.

129/21. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

a) **Local Footpath Walks.** Clive Brett has made contact with the Clerk to inform her that due to personal reasons he will no longer be able to carry out the walks.

RESOLVED the Clerk to make arrangements for a card and gift to be sent thanking him for his work for the Parish Council.

b) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** The Club is still thriving with 2 groups being held each week.

c) **Redfield Hill Playpark.** The Clerk reported that there hadn't been any reported anti-social behaviour and that there would be a new sign installed within the park to promote the Youth Club to the young people.

The meeting ended at 8.39 pm.

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Chairman