

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Community & Youth Building, Rear of Redfield Edge School.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Allinson, P Collins, L Efthymiou,
G Hardman, Su Nash

Mrs K Fry – Clerk

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

252/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bridge.

253/22. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

254/22. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS AS APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Allinson raised concerns over the amount of litter on pavements and verges around North Common.

RESOLVED the Clerk to contact Streetcare

Councillor Allinson reported a tree on Millfield Drive, behind St Barnabus School was falling over with one branch about to fall.

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Councillor Allinson reported that Champion Play area is to close completely with a play trail to be installed in front of the Chiltern Close play area.

255/22. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

256/22. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ALLOTMENT TENANT MEETING

A tenant asked who the allotment representative was as a lot of tenants didn't know. The representative Shirley Alderton of plot 80B introduced herself as the representative.

RESOLVED The Clerk advised she would place a notice on the noticeboard of how she can be contacted.

A tenant raised concerns over the potholes leading into the site.

RESOLVED The Clerk to look into getting them filled.

A tenant asked why tenants aren't automatically entered into the Allotment Competition. Some tenants work hard and need to be recognised.

RESOLVED to keep it to those who advise the Parish Council that they wish to be entered.

A tenant raised the issue of sub-letting on the allotment and what checks were being done to ensure this does not happen. The Clerk assured those present that those payments received matched the tenancy agreements that we have on file. The Clerk asked the tenant if they knew if this was happening and would they like to share the information with the Council. The tenant declined.

A tenant asked if the Parish Council were looking at putting a limit on how many plots each tenant had. The Chair advised the tenant no as we could be left with unworked plots.

A tenant asked if the Parish Council would look into putting aside allotments for disabled tenants and if someone disabled applied for a plot, what measures would be put in place for them. The Chair advised that we would help in any way we could whether it was a tenant with a physical or mental disability. We would not leave a plot empty in the wait for someone to apply but all measures would be taken to accommodate a tenant should they apply and there was a plot available with suitability.

The Chair asked for thoughts into what we could do with plot 18A. It is extremely overgrown, and the Clerk has had trouble letting it out. Tenants advised the Council that this plot has always been an issue.

RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange for it to be cleared one final time and if it still proves difficult to be let to arrange for it to become a wildlife plot for biodiversity.

257/22. CREATIVE ARTS

Councillor Allinson notified the Committee that this years Creative Arts would be "Let's Celebrate" with a focus on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She will arrange to go into schools and notify them in Term 5.

258/22. BITTON IN BLOOM

Councillor Allinson notified the Committee that the competition will be back in full force this year with judging taking place in July and a presentation to be held in September.

RESOLVED the Clerk to contact North Common Village Hall and check availability for the presentation.

259/22. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The Clerk notified the Council that the poster for the competition was on all noticeboards and she will arrange for it to be placed in the week-in. Deadline for the competition is 30 April 2022.

260/22. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Local Footpath Walks.** We have 2 new ladies looking to take over the walks and they are still waiting for the training from South Gloucestershire Council. Once they have completed this they are covered by South Gloucestershire Council's insurance to lead the walk.
- b) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** The Clerk met with the club leader who was concerned how quiet the club had got over the last few weeks.

RESOLVED the Clerk to advertise the club with the neighbouring Parishes and to place an advert in the week-in and on the noticeboards promoting it.

The meeting ended at 8.26 pm.

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Chairman