

Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held in

The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road on 16th March 2020 at 8.00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Smith (Chairman), Cllr Ellicott (V. Chairman), Cllr Edwards and Miss French

OFFICER PRESENT: Su Denne

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Members of the public present.

1. **Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting** – - No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Cllr Wilson, Cllr Funnell and Mr Benoy
3. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests-** Cllr Ellicott, Cllr Smith and Miss French have allotment plots.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying.** None
5. **Minutes -** To resolve that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on **16th December 2019** were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record.
6. **Open session for questions from the public:** A plot holder informed the members that, after the break in on the SWR site, it was found that a couple of hand tools had been taken from his shed and other contents thrown over neighbouring plots. It was also reported that a rose bush near plot 25 SWR required pruning. Plot 30 had a dangerous green house, due to the storm. The entrances to the site were very slippery due to the excessive rain. Cllr smith to lay woodchip down to reduce the risk of slipping. It was also reported that fruit trees were very high on some plots, reducing the light on other plots. Clerk to contact SWR plot holders to remind them that all fruit trees should be dwarf stock.
7. **Legionella Disease** – Consider removal of water tanks – Cllr Wilson and the Clerk updated the members about the training course they attended. They informed them that Legionella bacteria could live at the bottom of the water tanks. Although there would be an extremely low risk of anyone using the tanks contracting the disease, it was agreed that the larger tanks would be removed, initially, starting in 2021.
8. **Summer BBQ** – It was agreed that the BBQ would be held on the 18th July 2020.
9. **Allotment Competition** – Clerk to contact HAHA and ask if one of their committee would like to judge the competition on the 10th July 2020.

10. New Stand Pipes – Cllr Smith proposed that the Committee accept the quotes, received some time ago as no others had been received by the Clerk, for the new stand pipes. Cllr Edwards disagreed, as he felt that the quotes were excessive. After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr Edwards would obtain the outstanding quotes for the work by Monday 23rd March.

11. Tidying up of sites – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Woodcraft to arrange possible dates in May for each site to have a ‘clean- up day’.

12. Fencing Wickham Gardens – Cllr Smith suggested, that due to the break-in at Southwood Road, that a site visit to Southwood Road should be arranged to see how the fencing could be improved there before considering WG. Visit arranged for 10am Thursday 19th March 2020. Also to consider barbed wire and suitable signage.

13. Clerk’s Report – Nothing to report

14. Chairman’s Report - Nothing to report

Meeting Closed at 20:50

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Dated