

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee Meeting
January 11th 2018 at 1100hrs

Present: Cllr Cruickshank (Chairman) Cllr Anscomb (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Gibson Cllr Webb
 Miss S Vaughan (Assistant Clerk)

16. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

17. Apologies

Absent: Cllr Coote and Cllr Larkin.

18. Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Cruickshank declared that his wife is an allotment holder.

19. Chairman's Announcements

None.

20. Allotments

The Assistant Clerk informed the Committee that the tenant of Plot 80 had asked for permission to keep bees. The Committee agreed, providing that the hive was kept at the back of the plot.

The Assistant Clerk informed the Committee that the tenant of Plot 43 had asked for permission to put up a poly tunnel. The Committee agreed.

Cllr Cruickshank proposed to allow the Clerk to authorise trees, poly tunnels and bees on allotments, without having to bring the items before the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Anscomb and agreed by all.

Paperwork

The Assistant Clerk informed the Committee that paperwork had not been received for seven plots, despite several reminders having been sent out.

Cllr Gibson proposed that the Clerk write to the allotment holders that have not returned their paperwork, to say that, unless they return their form by the end of the month, they will not be invited to renew their tenancy in October and their plots will be cleared. This was seconded by Cllr Anscomb and agreed by all.

The Committee agreed to review the tenancy agreement and fees at the next meeting.

Cllr Cruickshank asked the Committee about mandatory £3 membership of the Allotment Association from October 2018 and proposed to send the item to the GP & Finance Committee on January 15th. If approved, the fee would be included with the allotment fees. This was seconded by Cllr Gibson and agreed by all.

Gate License

It was noted that a resident had queried land ownership of the land immediately at the back of his property. The Committee proposed that the Clerk write to the homeowner to state that the issue is not with land ownership but access only. The Council does not want their land accessed from that point unless the gate license of £5 for five years has been paid. If the homeowner does not agree, the Council will block up the gate from the allotment side.

21. Date of the next meeting – May 2018.

Meeting closed at 11:27 hrs

Chairman: _____

Date: _____