

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Allotments Sub Committee Meeting
February 19th 2019 at 11:30 hrs

Present: Cllr Cruickshank (Chairman) Cllr Anscomb (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Cooté Cllr Webb
Miss S Vaughan (Assistant Clerk) No members of the public

Prior to the meeting, Sub Committee members and Assistant Clerk visited the allotment site.

18 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted and accepted from Cllr Curzon.

Absent: Cllr Larkin.

20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cruickshank declared an interest as his wife is an allotment holder.

21 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Cruickshank, seconded by Cllr Anscomb and agreed by all present that the Minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee meeting held on 20th December 2018 were a true and correct record.

22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements

23 Allotments

Revised Allotment Agreement

The draft agreement was discussed, and amendments agreed. The Assistant Clerk will incorporate the amendments and re-circulate the agreement.

General matters – Site Visit

The Chairman reported the findings of the site visit.

The purpose of the visit was for the Committee members to view potential issues, and to ascertain the remaining work required to increase the security of the allotments to prevent trespass by teenagers from the village causing vandalism.

It was noted that the fence along Beech Holme has a broken support wire which needs to be replaced. The Assistant Clerk will action this.

A new fence has been erected in Beech Gardens to stop the unofficial entry/exit of allotment holders using this access. Since then a hole has been cut in the adjacent hedge possibly to enable access into the allotments. This has led to complaints from Beech Gardens. There is money remaining in the allocated budget for fencing and gates to allow for gap to be fenced off.

An allotment holder had asked for an additional gate to be put in at the end of Beech Gardens. However, permission of the landowner of the other side of the fence would need to be given, in order to cross the land. It was agreed not to put in any additional gate until ownership of land on the other side is established and permission obtained to cross this land; the Assistant Clerk will write to the allotment holder to advise him of the Sub Committee's decision.

It was AGREED by all present that Cllr Cruickshank would liaise with the RFO to ensure that fencing is erected to block off the gap in Beech Gardens, using the balance of monies already budgeted for allotment fencing and gates.

Apart from this issue the allotments are relatively secure apart from the fence between the allotments and Worth Way.

The tree growth on Plots 20 and 22 make them impossible to let. Cllr Cruickshank will contact the Crawley Borough Tree Officer to ascertain if trainees could carry out the clearance work, possibly free of charge.

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would ascertain whether it was a requirement to give the gate codes to the emergency services.

With regard to the installation of CCTV, it was generally felt that the cost of installation would be prohibitive; the situation will be monitored.

??? Plot 73 fenced ???

24 Consideration of items for inclusion on future agendas

There were none.

25 Date of the next meeting

To be called when necessary

Meeting closed at 13:17 hrs

Chairman: _____

Date: _____