

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Allotments Sub Committee Meeting
August 13th 2019 at 10.00 hrs

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

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman and Clerk visited the allotment site.

26 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

27 Apologies for absence

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr Larkin

28 Declarations of Interest

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

29 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 19th February 2019 were a true and correct record.

30 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements

31 Allotments

Revised Allotment Agreement

The draft agreement was discussed, it was suggested by Cllr Cruickshank to add an addendum to the Bonfire Clause stating, 'Bonfires will not be permitted during hot weather', this was approved by all.

Bonfires

The assistant clerk circulated a copy of the MSDC Garden Bonfire leaflet to be sent out to allotment holders with the next tenancy agreement.

To confirm the price increase for 2019/2020

As per the minutes of 20th December, The committee discussed raising the allotment fees, due to the allotments making a loss. Cllr Webb proposed raising the fee to 25p per m², with 28 days to pay, upon renewal, seconded by Cllr Anscomb and agreed by all.

Cllr Webb suggested that the allotment fees be raised by 5 pence per year and asked for a Profit and loss report to be prepared to see if the increase is necessary, the Assistant Clerk will forward this matter to the RFO.

General matters

Cllr Webb spoke about removing the locks from the gates, the committee will consider this again in the future after the Village CCTV has been installed.

Cllr Cruickshank informed the committee that the Allotment Association had contacted him regarding the trees surrounding the allotment. The assistant clerk advised The Council are in the process of undertaking a tree survey of all trees on council owned land.

It was suggested by Cllr Cruickshank that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk be given a copy of the Allotment Association Minutes to be kept up to date of any matters arising. Cllr Cruickshank will speak to the chairman of the Allotment Association.

Report on allotment inspection

The Assistant clerk reported allotment condition letters had been sent and a second inspection was due in the next week weather dependant.

32 Consideration of items for inclusion on future agendas

There were none.

33 Date of the next meeting

To be called when necessary

Meeting closed at 10:52 hrs

Chairman: _____

Date: _____