



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Allotment Committee
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Thursday 21st April 2022

Chairman: *Councillor S.Sutherland*

Present: *,E.Bruce, P.Davies, P.Malpas*

In attendance: J.Robinson (Town Clerk)

Members of the public: *2 members of the public*

ALL112.0/21. APOLOGIES

Cllr. J.Houlihan, A.Bruce, K.Hornsby.

ALL113.0/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. E.Bruce due to her husband being a tenant of an allotment.

ALL114.0/21. MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

ALL115.0/21 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr. S.Sutherland advised members the improvement programme continues moving onto WCT2 site.

ALL116.0/21 TENANT PARTICIPATION

Tenants raised the following issues:-

a, it was reported the Green Fund wish to invest in water conservation on allotments and happy to explore with the Council. It was agreed to contact the Green Fund for further information and to arrange a joint meeting post Annual Full Council.

b. rats remain an issue on WCT1 and WCT2. Concern was expressed that a tenant is killing them and leaving them around site. Matter to be monitored.

c. water is still an issue on WCT1 with it appearing to be on permanently. Matter to be investigated

d.concern was expressed regarding equine sports being held on sites.

e.concern that visitors to Prospect Place site speeding down the track. Matter to be investigated.

f. question if Avian Flu regulations remain in place. Clerk confirmed this to be so.

g. Concern regarding fly tipping across all sites. The Chairman advised the provision of skips had been to try and address this issue, however due to fly tipping a second skip was required on Hambleton Way site.

ALL117.0/21 REPORT ON CURRENT ALLOTMENT ISSUES

- a.. letters are to go out to the remaining tenants who have not paid their rent.
- b. 12 people are currently on the waiting list for an allotment. It was agreed not to allocate any allotments until May meeting to allow for renewal process to be completed.

ALL118.0/21 INSPECTIONS

Chairman advised all sites to be inspected by Annual Council meeting. Drone Photographs have been obtained of all sites to complement inspection reports by end of April.

ALL119.0/21 FENCING

- a. Prices have been obtained to replace fencing on WCT2 once clearing and re-sizing of sites has been undertaken.
- b. It was agreed to purchase 10 posts to repair the rear of WCT2 site near by pass, and 10 for future use.

ALL120.0/21 PLAY AREAS

Discussion took place regarding the Section 106 funding application for the Pentland site. A meeting is to be held shortly with DCC/County Councillor J.Cairns and Cllr. S.Sutherland to discuss further. Report back to May meeting after Annual Council meeting.

Clerk advised he had found the basket seat for the Denebridge site and this will be put back in place shortly.

It was agreed to arrange a site visit with DCC Planners post Annual Council to take forward the new play area for Tennyson Road.

ALL121.0/OPEN SPACES

Cllr. E.Bruce requested the contractor cut the grass on the former allotment site at Prospect Terrace.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with DCC Neighbourhood Wardens post Annual meeting to discuss issues regarding ASB.

Dog Fouling across the whole of Chilton has increased. To be discussed with DCC Neighbourhood Wardens.

Concern was expressed at the continuation of storage/metal cabins on Tennyson Road and the prolonged WCT Improvement Programme. Agreed to ask DCC/Green Fund when this is to be completed.

ALL122.0/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed, seconded by Cllr. P.Malpas and carried that due to the nature of the business to be transacted that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

ALL123/21 REPORT

Members received a detailed report regarding current allotment issues. Report noted, no action required.

ALL124.0/21 NEXT MEETING

To be arranged post Annual Council meeting

Signed:-
Mayor of Chilton
10th May 2022