



# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Allotment Committee** held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on Monday 16th January 2023

**Chairman:** *Councillor S. Sutherland*

**Present:** *Cllrs. M. Young, P. Davies, P. Malpas, M. Young.*

**In attendance:** J. Robinson Town Clerk.  
A. Hall

**Members of the public:** *9 members of the public*

*Cllr. E. Bruce as Observer*

### **ALL103.0.0/22. APOLOGIES**

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

### **ALL104.0/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **ALL105.0/22. MEMBER DISPENSATION**

None.

### **ALL106.0/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr. S. Sutherland advised his report/comments will be covered by the agenda.

### **ALL107.0/22 TENANT PARTICIPATION**

Tenants raised the following issues: -

- a, Fly Tipping on WCT1 site continues, Town Clerk agreed to have it removed
- b. Discussion among tenants re water, water usage and cost.
- c. Confirmation that Hambleton Way will have its fencing replaced was requested
- d. ?when is WCT1 to have its fencing replaced
- e. Perimeter fencing WCT1 still needs to be done.
- f. 24 out of 41 gardens on WCT1 not being cultivated and need to be asked to conform with tenancy agreement
- g. members begin inspections shortly.
- h. locks for both gates on WCT1 needed and keys

#### **ALL 108.0/22 REPORT ON CURRENT ALLOTMENT ISSUES**

- a. No allotments have been issued over the Christmas period.
- b. a number of repair issues are to be taken forward.
- c. 30 posts have been purchased and being stored, it was agreed to have them delivered and stored. It was agreed to use the four posts currently in store on the WCT1 site.
- d. tenancy renewals will go out early February.

#### **ALL109.0/22 WATER CHARGE**

Chair reported on the recent tenants meeting where the issue of water was discussed. It was clear from feedback tenants unhappy at the use of water butts. Tenants were happy to pay an increase in fee to accommodate the growing increase in water fees to the Council. A tenant had suggested the fees should be pro-rata to site and site usage.

It was proposed Cllr. S. Sutherland, seconded Cllr. M. Young and agreed to not proceed with the ware butts. it was prosed Cllr. M. Young and seconded Cllr. P. Davies and carried to recommend to Policy and Resources that the water fee be raised to £10 for the coming year.

It was also agreed to review the position in regard to water, water usage on sites.

#### **ALL110.0/22 HAMBLETION WAY FENCING**

The Town Clerk advised the tender process has commenced to provide the fencing in April. Costings to be agreed at March meeting.

Tenders to provide 400 meters of fencing at WCT1 to be considered at the April meeting.

#### **ALL111.0/22 SKIPS**

A general discussion took place regarding provision of skips as raised at tenants meeting. It was agreed to obtain prices for 3 skips for the February meeting. it was also agreed that the site at Prospect terrace renovated by the Council remain a garden. It was also agreed to discuss further ideas for more recycling of waste etc off sites.

#### **ALL 112.0/22 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Members noted the comments of tenants earlier in the meeting as well as issues on Joes Field and across all sites and it was agreed Chairman and Town Clerk discuss the issues with the police and report back to next meeting.

#### **ALL113.0/22 DRONE REPORT**

It was agreed to commission the next report in April.

#### **ALL114.0/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBILC**

Cllr. S. Sutherland proposed, seconded by Cllr. J. Houlihan 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.

There were no issues to discuss.

**ALL90.0/22 NEXT MEETING**

To be Monday 20th February 2023 in Hutton House 10.30am

Signed: -  
**Mayor of Chilton**  
**14th February 2023**

## **ALL18/22 TENANCY ALLOCATION**

The following sites were allocated, Town Clerk to write to all potential tenants inviting them in for a handover meeting with Chair/Vice Chair of Allotment Committee and an Officer of the Council.

Anne, please add in your list of who allocated then and since, we will go with yours so no confusion.