

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2013, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE,
THETFORD, STARTING AT 10.00 A.M.

Present:
Councillors:
The Mayor Councillor T J Lamb
M G Spencer (Chair)
Mrs S J Armes
D Crawford

*Note: The serving Town Mayor is an ex officio member of all Town Council Committees.

In attendance:
R Carter Allotment Officer
C Crimmen Committee Secretary

R Woods R Ambridge, E Browne, T Gayle, and A Beard –
Representatives of the Thetford Garden & Allotment Club,
Mundford Road Allotments Association and other allotment
holders

Minutes

- 801/12 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None
- 802/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None
- 803/12 MINUTES
Resolved that the minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 17th January 2013, as received by the Council on 29th January 2013 under minute 558/12 (b) be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.
- 804/12 REMOVAL OF WASTE EARTH ETC AT LONDON ROAD SITE
The Chairman reported the Works Foreman had received one quotation to remove this waste and is waiting for two more quotations. Once cleared it should be used as an allotment to prevent a similar problem in the future. Councillor Mrs S Armes proposed and Councillor D Crawford seconded that once the waste had been cleared at the London Road site the area should be returned to an allotment.
RECOMMENDATION: As soon as the waste had been cleared at the London Road site the area should be returned to an allotment.
- 805/12 BONFIRE REGULATIONS
A resident, whose house and garden backs on to an allotment, brought up a problem with a bonfire which came from the allotments at 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Although she spoke to the allotment holder she was met with refusal to put out the bonfire.

The Allotment Tenancy Agreement rule 2.15 states "The Tenant is only permitted to burn non-compostable garden waste from their allotment. Bonfires must be kept to a minimum and not cause a nuisance to other plot holders, neighbouring residents or neighbouring businesses." It was agreed that the resident would find out the allotment number and inform the Council so a letter can be written to remind the allotment holder to observe this rule.

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INPECTIONS/WAITING LIST

The Chairman reported that he was delighted with the many improvements that have been made at all allotments sites. Following this inspection six notices to quit, covering eight plots, are being sent to the offending allotment holders. There are currently five residents on the waiting list.

Chairman

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