

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2012, 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

In attendance:

R Carter Allotment Officer
R Stebbings Works Foreman
C Crimmen Minute Secretary

R Ambridge, E Browne, T Gayle, K Coghlan, P Mosby,
A Beard, Y Rout – Representatives of the Thetford Garden
& Allotment Club, Mundford Road Allotments Association
and other allotment holders

- 316/12 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None received
- 317/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillor D Crawford and R Woods
- 318/12 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 18th July 2012, as received by the Council on 24th July 2012 under minute 221/12 (c), be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.
- 319/12 ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS/WAITING LIST
The Council Officer reported that the Council had issued 19 notices to quit and 18 letters informing allotment holders they needed to improve their allotments.
These measures would probably clear the waiting list.
The Mayor thought the plots that were in a really poor condition should be renovated by the Council before reallocation.
Recommendation: The Council will arrange for the uncultivated plots to be cleared before they are passed to new allotment holders.
- 320/12 LETTERS TO CUPWINNERS
The Mayor thought it would be appropriate for the Council to send letters to the cup winners. The cups were originally presented by the Council and it would add value to the winner's letter.
Recommendation: In future all letters will be sent by the Council.
- 321/12 TAP VANDALISM
Following a recent problem with a tap that was gushing water it was decided that the works foreman's phone number will be given to the allotment representatives only so remedial work can be carried out quickly.

322/12

SITE REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBILITIES

The representatives are clear on their roles and responsibilities. In future they are happy to have their name and contact number added to the annual allotment agreements.

323/12

SPARE LAND AT MUNDFORD ROAD

Councillor Mrs S Armes asked if the spare land at the Mundford Road site could be cleared and used as small starter plots for new allotment holders.

A discussion took place and it was decided that the works foreman would get quotes for clearing the above piece of land.

324/12

ALLOTMENT SITE PROBLEM

There was a discussion on security on all of the allotment sites and there did not seem to be a straightforward answer to this problem. Kate Coghlan brought up the subject of the Bury Road fencing. The works foreman stated there were 3 quotes and this work would be presented to the finance committee.

325/12

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th April 2013

Chairman