

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2010, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, STARTING AT 10 A.M.

Present:

Councillor M G Spencer, Chairman
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P Quadling

Councillor:

G P Balaam

In attendance: Representatives of the Thetford Garden & Allotment Club and
Mundford Road Allotments Association.

364/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G P Balaam acknowledged his prejudicial interest in item 368/10(1) as a Bury Road allotment holder. As is indicated below under that heading, this resulted in the view expressed then not representing that of the Committee.

365/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors J A Harding, T J Lamb and A Paines.

366/10 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 8th September 2010, as received by the Council at its meeting on 28th September 2010 under minute 229/10(d), be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

367/10 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

RESOLVED that the contents of the report included in the agenda papers be noted.

368/10 OTHER MATTERS

1. Rent Proposal

As indicated above, it was not possible for the Committee to express a formal view on the proposition outlined in the agenda paper.*

That said, the Committee Chairman and Mayor were both supportive of the suggested increases (effective October 2011), as were the two Club/Association representatives present.

It was noted that the Council budget proposed for 2011/12 would, in its draft form, reflect the suggested fee increases outlined in the paper. That said, it was recognised that the Council would have to approve formally any proposed increases.

*[*Note from Town Clerk: for a vote to be effective, there must be a minimum of three councillors entitled to vote, in line with the quorum requirements set out in Standing Orders.]*

2. 'De-commissioning' of London Road Plot LO17

RECOMMENDED that this Plot, the site of the Thetford Garden & Allotment Club building, cease to be categorised as a cultivable plot.

3. RSPCA Visit

RESOLVED that this be arranged for early in 2011.

4. Date of Next Inspection

RESOLVED that this take place in early April 2011.

369/10 RAMSEY CLOSE SITE PROPOSAL

The Town Clerk confirmed the decision taken by Breckland Council's Cabinet not to proceed with the transfer of ownership to the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the Committee put on record its great disappointment at this unanticipated turn of events.

Chairman