

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 13th February at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillor Mrs Lloyd (Chair)

7 allotment tenants were also present

Debbie Bere (Deputy Town Clerk)

Due to the lack of the required number of councillors, the committee was inquorate. This was therefore an informal meeting of the chair and tenants.

1. Apologies

Councillors James and Stock-Williams

2. Improving entrance to the site

Having obtained a quote from R.W.Gale for resurface works the chair discussed what was required with the tenants.

It was agreed that this resurfacing would not last and that an MOT Type 1 hardcore would be the best thing to put down.

To prevent the water pooling in the entrance it was felt that rather than a pipe being put in, landscaping be done to remove some of the embankment creating a runoff into the Basins ponds. It was **recommended** that the Deputy Clerk arrange for this work to be carried out.

Rather than the gate post being re-set in concrete it was suggested adjustable hinges being placed on the gate. The gate for the time being had been fixed by a tenant who had adjusted the hinges.

3. Security

The code will be changed and tenants will be notified. Tenants are asked to always lock the gate when leaving the site if they think they are the last or are unsure as to whether anyone else is there.

In order to improve security of the site it was suggested that some additional defensive planting take place within a gap in the perimeter of the site. It was **recommended** that the Deputy Clerk investigate this suggestion further and if it proved to be a necessary requirement, estimates of the cost of plants and planting be obtained.

4. Plots 1 & 2

These plots are specifically for the use of tenants with disabilities. Following a suspected arson attack a great deal of damage had been caused to the shed and equipment. Two tenants had kindly volunteered to dismantle the roof of the shed that had been burnt down. This was done with the intension to dismantle the shed entirely so that it could be removed in a trailer. The shed then needed to be re-built and water tanks restored. The raised beds also still required work as the materials

being used to mend them had also been damaged in the fire. It was **recommended** that the Deputy Clerk obtain quotes for the necessary works and discuss the situation further with the tenants of these plots.

5. Trees on site

A number of enquiries had been received regarding the perceived safety of a number of trees on the perimeter of the site. It was **recommended** that a qualified tree surgeon look at the mature trees on site and suggest whether any course of action was required.

Complaints had been received from some tenants regarding nesting wasps in the trees alongside the car park. The knowledgeable tenants present pointed out that they were bees not wasps and were beneficial to the crops. It was felt that any mature trees in this town were welcome however, as long as they were safe.

6. Inspections

It was **recommended** that inspections take place during the week commencing 17th April 2017.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 15th May 2017 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 6:50pm