

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 13 June 2016 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillor Mrs Lloyd (Chair)
Councillors Barr, Hunt, James and Stock-Williams

5 allotment tenants were also present

Greg Dyke (Town Clerk) and Gill Croucher (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

1. Appointment of Chairman

Councillor Mrs Lloyd was re-elected Chairman.

2. Apologies

Councillor Critchard

3. Update on Inspections

Inspections had been held in April and had resulted in letters being sent to 4 tenants. One of these tenants had now given up his tenancy and the plot would be re-let as soon as possible.

The inspections had highlighted that some of the grassed pathways on plots had increased in width. However, the Committee considered that different tenants had different needs and the position would be monitored.

Resolved that further inspections to take place in August. Tenants would be notified of the date as soon as possible.

4. Breach in Hedge

A large piece of concrete had been dumped in the hedge by the car park area which had enabled the site to be accessed, compromising security of the site.

Resolved that the next newsletter to remind tenants not to dump rubbish anywhere on the site and to also look into defensive planting around this area.

5. Strimming of hedges

Both the general pathways and hedges were now in need of a cut. Tenants were responsible for keeping the pathways cut and arrangements would be made for the hedges to be trimmed outside of the recommended nesting season.

6. Competition

It was agreed that the Allotment Competition be run as it has been in previous years with the same categories:- Best Newcomer, Most Ecological, Most Cultivated and Best Managed.

7. Update on Drainage

It had been suggested that, in an effort to relieve this problem, a drainage hole be created from the allotments into the Basins using a suitable pipe. However,

concerns had been raised that permission was required from the Environment Agency.

Resolved that the correct permission from the Environment Agency be looked into.

8. Date of next meeting

19 September 2016.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm