

## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 9<sup>h</sup> October at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillors James, Lloyd, Russell-Cairns & Stock-Williams

4 allotment tenants were also present

Debbie Bere (Deputy Town Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies

Councillor Critchard.

#### 2. Update on plots

3 plots are vacant and in the process of re-letting

8 people on the waiting list.

The committee discussed the decreasing number on the waiting list, and the options for the future. This included whether the catchment for the waiting list was increase to include some of the surrounding villages when residents enquired about plots, or to offer reliable plot holders multiple plots.

The Longforth Farm development was also raised as the waiting list for plots on that site was growing.

**Recommended** that the Basins Allotment waiting list numbers be monitored and further action be taken if required; and that TDBC be contacted in regards to the trigger point for any allotment Section 106 agreement at Longforth Farm.

#### 3. Dogs

Complaints had been received regarding dogs on the site and dog fouling.

Tenants raised that although some dog mess had been seen, this had reduced since the Deputy Clerk had emailed tenants to clarify the rules surrounding dogs on the site.

Tenants also mentioned that the occasional dogs that had been seen running around the site were not usual plot holders and had got in to the site either via the gate being left open or over a boundary.

**Recommended** that the rules be re-inforced regarding dogs on the site.

Dogs should be kept on leads within the communal areas and only allowed off the leads when securely on its owners plot. Under no circumstances should they be only other people's plots.

Deputy Clerk to meet with Arthur Carter to arrange additional defensive planting.

#### 4. Trees

The large trees on the driveway and car park boundary required a great amount of work. The tree officer had inspected them and in order to make them safe they may

need pollarding as well as removing any dead branches. There were concerns that both may have large cavities.

The tree officer noted that the ash tree at end of the site needs deadwooding for health and safety and the smaller dead trees at the top of the site (Plot 47) need to be felled.

The tree officer and his team were able to do this work in November to avoid the bees etc.

**Recommended** that this be given permission and that some wood was left behind for tenants to keep as firewood for home use if possible.

## **5. Tenants items**

### **(a) Overgrown grass**

Some grass on the pathways had got too overgrown to be mowed.

The Deputy Clerk had spoken to the Community Warden about this and it was hoped to be done swiftly.

### **(b) Bad plots**

Some complaints had been received about the state of some plots. An additional inspection would take place of any plots mentioned to the office.

### **(c) Compost bins**

A offer on compost bins had been circulated to some locally. This would be circulated with the minutes.

Meeting ended 6:33pm