

## **WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 17 September 2018 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.**

Present: Councillor Lloyd (Chair)

Councillor James

4 Allotment tenants were also present

Gill Croucher (Town Clerk's Assistant)

### **1. Apologies**

Councillor Hunt, Russell-Cairns and Stock-Williams

### **2. Update on Vacancies and Waiting List**

Some tenants had not renewed their tenancies and there were now a number of vacancies. The current waiting list would be cleared when all the plots had been re-allocated.

### **3. Inspection Feedback**

The plots were generally in a good condition, particularly taking into account the long dry summer. Many plots, including some recently taken over by new tenants, were now considered to be "excellent". However, a number of plots were considered to be neglected and very little work had taken place. Warning letters would be sent to tenants requesting work to be carried out.

### **4. Hedge Trimming and General Tidy Up of the Site**

The Community Warden had now made a start on these necessary works. It was reported that garden waste had been thrown into the boundary hedges in a number of places. Tenants were reminded that this could compromise the defensive planting that had taken place and were asked to stop doing this

### **5. Entrance Gate and Tracks**

The suggested cheaper option of using scalpings or similar to fill in the very deep potholes to upgrade the entrance track was proving difficult to achieve as many delivery vehicles were not able to get across the Basins causeway.

It was suggested that no vehicles be allowed on the site during the winter months but this would be very hard to achieve.

The entrance gate had been improved since some spacers had been inserted under the hinges. The post was leaning after being hit by something and would probably need to be reset.

**Resolved** that finding a solution to the problems with the entrance gate and track be further investigated.

## **6. Trees**

Most of the necessary works to the Ash trees had now been completed despite bees and hornets being present. The remainder of the works would be carried out later in the autumn when it was hoped that the hornets would be dormant.

## **7. Site Security**

Security at the site continued to be a problem and there had been a number of incidents of break-ins and crops being stolen reported recently. Although there were no new reports, tenants were reminded to be vigilant and report any incident to the office.

## **8. Dogs**

A number of complaints had been received about dogs on the site. It was agreed to remind tenants that dogs should remain on a lead and any fouling be removed immediately.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm