

COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2015 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM.

PRESENT: (For all or part of the meeting) Cllr Coates (Chair); Cllr Doehren; Cllr Lyall; Cllr Payne; Cllr Birt (as substitute for Cllr Billingsley) and Cllr Cooper. Members of the Allotment Management Committee: Mr R Hill-Baldwin; Mr V Powell; Mr D Robbie; Mr I Mayer; Mr S Richards; Mr D Cottam and Mr B Broome.

IN ATTENDANCE: Anthony Egan (Assistant Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

01/15A ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE 2015/16.

Cllr Coates was nominated by Cllr Birt and seconded by Cllr Cooper.
Cllr Coates was elected Chairman.

02/15A ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE 2015/16.

Cllr Lyall was nominated by Cllr Doehren and seconded by Cllr Payne.
Cllr Lyall was elected as Vice Chairman.

03/15A APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Billingsley - on holiday.

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

PROPOSED Cllr Cooper SECONDED Cllr Birt

04/15A DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Lyall, Cllr Cooper and the Assistant Clerk all declared an interest as allotment holders.

05/15A No WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 were received.

06/15A THE NATURE AND REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE.

It was RESOLVED that the nature and remit of the committee would be to discuss any issues or problems brought up by either the Parish Council or the Allotment Management Committee.

PROPOSED Cllr Coates SECONDED Cllr Cooper

07/15A REPORT FROM THE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Signed as a true and accurate record.....
Date.....

Mr Hill-Baldwin presented a report by the management committee. He reported that there was now a thriving wild life garden at the top right hand corner of the allotments and that Stephen Moore and Simon Lacy had taken responsibility for it. During the recent village Open Gardens event there were 60 visitors to the allotment site during the day and a stall manned by Cllr Lyall had raised £100 for the Katherine House Hospice.

Membership: Mr Broome reported that there were now 68 allotment members with one plot vacant and one plot to be vacant at the end of the month. There is currently a waiting list of 18 but this is moving quite quickly.

Finance: Mr Robbie reported that the annual accounts had already been presented to the Parish Council. He protested that the Council did not make funds available under the Small Grants policy for the contingency fund. Cll Lyall explained that the contingency fund should be funded by a separate agreement with the Parish Council and that it was not appropriate to fund it under S137 Small Grants policy.

Discussion on the reports. There was a discussion on acquiring a new additional plot. Mr Hill-Baldwin confirmed that the management committee are in favour of increasing the allotment site and that it would make sense to have any additional site in Great Haywood.

Cllr Coates proposed that the Clerk study the map as to where there would be suitable prospective sites and report to the next Allotment Committee meeting.

08/15A THE FOOTPATH THROUGH THE ALLOTMENT SITE AND TO AGREE FUTURE ACTION.

Mr Powell suggested that the footpath through the allotment site was not a footpath and stated that he had already provided a file to the Parish Clerk about this. Cllr Coates has agreed to liaise with the Parish Clerk about this and Mr Powell has requested to sit in on the discussions. The members of the Allotment Management committee want to keep the path as a discretionary footpath. It was pointed that a discretionary path would however need signposts to be put up.

09/15A TO CONSIDER THE SEWAGE PROBLEM AND TO AGREE FUTURE ACTION.

Mr Hill-Baldwin reported that there was still a swage problem. The question was, is the sewage clean enough to run into a ditch to carry it away. Cllr Coates proposed we get an Environmental Health inspector out to confirm the water is clean, before we divert it into either an open ditch or a flexi – pipe in order to run it to the ditch at the bottom of the site.

PROPOSED that the Clerk contact the Environmental Health Officer and for Cllr Birt and Cllr Coates to meet him at the allotment site.

10/15A DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29TH OCTOBER.

Meeting closed at 7.53 pm.