WEARSIDE SMALLHOLDERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2nd MAY 2021

ATTEDNDED BY: Mr I. Hornsey; Mr C. Howe; Mr J. Searle; Mr J. Smurthwaite; Ms. G Clifford.

APOLOGIES: Mr. J. Riddle; Mr. J. Gillies; Mr. D. Charlton

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting approved
- 2. Matters arising any dealt with under current agenda items.
- 3. Finances Monies as in the bank.

4. Business

- 4.1 **Annual Rent**. Rent calculated (including water rates) for 2021 at £54.00. Rents will be collected by the rent manager in the Committee Room 9am-Noon Sat/Sun from 15 May-13 June (possibly extended to 20th June). (**Action: I.Hornsey; C.Howe**)
- 4.2 **Annual General Meeting**. Meetings for 2020/21 and 2021/22 are needed but Covid restrictions on groups and meetings still make this impossible. AGMs will be scheduled as soon as restrictions are lifted (currently June 22nd 2021).
- 4.3 **Fly-tipping**. There has been tipping at the rear of the internal car park. Committee considering potential fencing to deter this. (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
- 4.4 **Noticeboard**. This now needs to be moved to another accessible location following redevelopment of plot 5 Shields Road. (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
- 4.5 **New Rent Agreement**. This has been raised again with the Council, particularly regarding the removal of clause 1.2. Awaiting further response. (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
- 4.6 **Fires**. The Environmental Officer has been on site at various times, although no warnings have yet been issued. Advice has been provided regarding fires, which will be made available to plot holders when paying rent, and posted on site when the noticeboards are available. (**Action: I.Hornsey; C.Howe**)
- 4.7 Trees. The Council acknowledges the hazard these cause and that the incident has been lodged numerous times. This is in a queue of jobs but continues to be low priority. (Action: I. Hornsey)
- 4.8 **Unworked gardens**. These have been considered alongside Covid and health explanations. Potentially two gardens need to be investigated this will be done after rent collections. (Action: I. Hornsey)
- 4.9 **Website**. This has been constructed offline and Committee members are now asked to review it via internet and by mobile telephone and provide feedback before it is made live. (**Action: All Committee**)
- 5. Date of Next Meeting: TBA