

WEAR SIDE SMALLHOLDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held, 16th June 2019, Committee Room

Committee and Officials Present: I. Hornsey; J. Riddle; G. Clifford; J. Smurthwaite; D. Charlton; C. Howe; J. Searle.

Apologies: J. Gillies; M. Havelock; P. Smith; K. Turnbull

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Matter arising from the previous meetings/minutes

None. Minutes passed and can be published (**Action: GA**)

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- 2.1 Complaint regarding behaviour of a plot-holder. Agreed, to write to the individual involved. (**Action: I. Hornsey**)

3. FINANCE

3.1 Statement

Monies as in the bank.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Rent increase.

No written reply has yet been received. (**Action: I Hornsey**)

4.2 Thefts

One report. Anyone caught stealing produce or entering gardens without prior permission (of which the committee has been informed) will face immediate eviction. Plot-holders should be discouraged from entering any other gardens without express permission of the tenant and advice to the Committee. (**Action: Committee**)

4.3 Fence replacement at Waterworks site

Work had started but has been interrupted as a plot-holder has refused access for the work. Agreed that the tenant is in breach of the tenancy agreement. Further action will now be taken. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

4.4 Rabbits

In progress. **(Action : I. Hornsey)**

4.5 Trees at Shields Road

The Council has yet to confirm a date.

4.6 Removing asbestos

The incident is resolved – the asbestos has been removed. **(Action: I. Hornsey).**

4.7 Verges

Spraying the weeds along verges will take place soon, as a one-off measure after which plot-holders will be expected to maintain verges as per the tenancy agreement.

4.8 Watering

Concern was raised regarding watering with hose pipes during periods around mid-day. Agreed that plot-holders should be dissuaded from this during sunny/hot periods and to use common sense with regard to water use and water conservation. **(Action: Committee)**

4.9 AGM

The AGM will take place 2th June 2019. M. Havelock will not be seeking re-election as Rent Collector, and P. Smith will be standing down from the Committee.

NEXT MEETING TBA by the new Committee following the AGM

Previous minutes are available at the web site: <http://www.wearsidesmallholders.org.uk/>