

WEAR SIDE SMALLHOLDERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 4th AUGUST 2019

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

APOLOGIES: Mr. J. Gillies; K. Turnbull; Mr D. Charlton

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved, no matters arising. Minutes to be published.
2. Correspondence – The Council has claimed no record of our complaint regarding rent, however recorded delivery receipts are held as proof and this will now be followed up.
3. Finances – Monies as in the bank.
4. **Business**
 - 4.1 **Perimeter fence.** This is now in the hands of the Council. The contractors need to be paid for work so far and materials. Progress of the work relies upon the Council taking appropriate action regarding the tenant who is delaying progress and breaching the tenancy agreement.
 - 4.2 **WI garden.** Letter regarding the Committee's response has been sent (**Action: Committee**).
 - 4.3 **Fence replacement at Waterworks site.** Work has been interrupted as a plot-holder has refused access. Agreed that the tenant is in breach of the tenancy agreement. Further action is now in progress. (**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. The Tree Officer is not in post over the Summer. (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
 - 4.6 **Garden change request.** Individuals have been notified following the previous meeting and confirmation of practice.
 - 4.7 **Verges.** In progress (**Action: I. Hornsey**).
 - 4.8 **Fulwell Community Library.** Discussions with an existing community garden have not been conducive and the request will now be handled in accordance with the usual waiting list (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
 - 4.9 **On site Rubbish.** In Progress (**Action: I. Hornsey**)
 - 4.10 **Site Shop.** M.Havelock wishes to give up activity. He is willing to sell the shop etc. and a site plot-holder is willing to take over the shop (as the Council has agreed that this activity can take place in this instance with the Committee's approval). Agreed that a sale to another existing plot-holder can take place.

Conditions:

Chairman (Temp)
Mr John Searle

Secretary
Mr Ian Hornsey

Treasurer
Mr Jim Gillies

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- Future sale of the unit must be in the whole, and must be to another existing plot-holder. The plot continues to be leased according to the usual contract except for the Council waiver allowing the use of the plot in this case. It remains for the Committee to allow and ensure its lease and usage.
- No advertising must be conducted outside of the site as the function of the unit is primarily for allotment holders. Although the public might use the facility as in the past, no public advertisement is allowed.
- Any on site advertising must be approved by the Committee and use the existing noticeboards unless otherwise first approved.
- The website and Facebook site will not be available for advertising.
- The existing public/notice board area adjacent must be kept available and clear of obstructions at all times and accepted as not part of the plot but Committee land.

4.11 **Thefts.** Shed theft reported and action being taken. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

5. Date of Next Meeting: September 8th 2019 12 Noon

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