

WEAR SIDE SMALLHOLDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held, 7th July 2019, Committee Room

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

Apologies: J. Gillies; K. Turnbull; J. Riddle

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Matter arising from the previous meetings/minutes

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

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Bills for toilets; letter from WI Community Garden re rent.

3. FINANCE

3.1 Statement

Monies as in the bank.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Rent increase.

No written reply has yet been received. Phone call to be made to Complaints Dept. to track progress. (**Action: I Hornsey**)

4.2 WI Community Garden.

Request from WI garden for rent reduction on basis that not all of the land is opened for use. Request denied as the land can be opened up by choice; there is no fund available to subsidise any rents; the allocated land is three plots (and associated rents) as at the time of accepting the tenancy. . (**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.

4.6 Garden change requests

Requests received to take on new plot but work existing garden until one is available; and to move to a specific plot – specific plots cannot be arranged as the waiting list and order of availability must be followed; anyone wanting a new plot must be added to the waiting list and take their turn, and whatever plot is available at the time.

Transfer of two plots to immediate relatives requested and approved.

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 Fulwell Community Library

Community Garden request still in progress. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

4.9 On site rubbish

Agreed to pay tipping fee to remove rubbish build up on site. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

NEXT MEETING August 4th 12 Noon

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