



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the October 21st 2022 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

held at Ripley Town Council, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF

In Attendance:

Cllrs: N. Weaving (Chair), S. Freeborn and M. Jones.

J. Walton and R. Thompson (Fearn Avenue Allotment Association), P. Bird and L. Freeborn (Pit Lane Allotments) and S. Williams (Sandham Lane Allotments).

Town Clerk – Jayne Simpson

Deputy Town Clerk – Hannah Curzon

AGENDA

211022/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Allwood, Cllr Murray and Greenhillocks Allotment Association.

211022/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required

211022/3. Declaration of Members Interests – Cllr Freeborn declared a personal interest the whole of the meeting as he is related to a member of the Pit Lane Allotment Association. Cllr Freeborn remained in the meeting.

211022/4. Public speaking – None

211022/5. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None

211022/6. Any plots available which can be advertised on the RTC website/ Social media

It was reported by the allotment associations present that they currently have no available allotment plots.

ACTION Ripley Town Council contact the other allotment associations to see if they have any current vacancies so they can be advertised.

211022/7. Allotment Policies

The Deputy Town Clerk asked that all allotment associations ensure that all their policies and risk assessments are in place, for example, for bonfires. Please ensure that RTC have the correct contact details for each association.

ACTION that each allotment sends Ripley Town Council a copy of their policies and

Public Liability Insurance to the Deputy Town Clerk. Allotment Associations who did not attend this meeting will be emailed to ask for their policies and updated contact details.

211022/8. Public Liability Insurance copies

ACTION that all copies of Public Liability Insurance from each Allotment Association are sent to the Deputy Town Clerk.

211022/9. Problems at any sites

Sandham Lane Allotment Association reported that they will be holding their AGM where they will review only accepting Ripley Township residents at their allotment. They are going to produce a tenancy agreement every year with rules for all tenants to sign and if they don't agree, they don't get a plot. They have recently had a problem with a plot holder having a bonfire out of the allotted time, breaking a lock not belonging to them and cutting a bush with wasn't theirs.

NOTED

Fearn Avenue Allotment Association reported that a residential neighbour to the allotments had a hedge taken down in July 2022 and they haven't replaced it with a fence yet.

ACTION Ripley Town Council to write to the resident asking them to put the fence back up due to lack of security on the allotments without it being there. If they don't replace it, Ripley Town Council will have the work done and recharge the resident for it.

211022/10. Allotment Rents

The Deputy Clerk reported that all Allotment rents are paid for this year and that the rent of £30.00 per allotment association (£15 for Fearn Ave and £15 Pit Lane) will remain the same in 2023.

NOTED

211022/11. Update regarding progress on ownership of the access pathway to Heage Parkside Allotments

The Clerk reported that there is nothing to update. The matter is still with Amber Valley Borough Council and Solicitors.

NOTED

081021/12. Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 5.25pm

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 15th November 2021 at 7.00pm.

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