

16/06/15

## **Minutes of the Eastry Allotments Committee meeting held at the Parish Room on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

Present: Councillors: M.Kemp M Pemble

Appointed members: R.Barwick (Chairman) J Kemp P Bailey (Secretary)

One Allotment holder/member of the public

### **1. Apologies**

None.

### **2. Declaration of Interest.**

All those present are allotment holders.

### **3. The committee meeting was closed to enable allotment holders/members of the public to speak or ask questions.**

There were no questions.

### **4. Minutes of the last committee meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

### **5. Actions of the Last Meeting.**

- a) An A5 leaflet outlining the advantages of renting an allotment was available at the Eastry Parish Council AGM and some are on display at coffee mornings in the village hall. It was agreed that the current notice should be placed in the village noticeboard and perhaps some put in "Bickers". **Action secretary.**
- b) The strimmer was purchased and storage facilities are currently being arranged. **Item discharged...**
- c) The offending trees and shrubs have been removed adjacent to the School site and permission has been granted to reduce the tree on the May Mill site hanging over from Mr Annis's property. **Action Councillor M. Kemp and the Chairman.**
- d) The wooden posts were purchased and currently 30 have been deployed with around 28 spares for future use. **Item discharged.**
- e) Those taps against the outside fencing should have a shield to prevent them being turned on from outside the allotments. **Item ongoing.**
- f) The suggestion that this committee should monitor expenditure and determine future rental increases was rejected and that decision conveyed back to the Parish council. **Item discharged.**
- g) The "vehicle access restriction notices" were removed in the spring and would be redeployed, when necessary in the autumn/winter. **Item ongoing.**
- h) A request for the erection of a shed was granted with the usual reference to appropriate clauses of the tenancy agreement. **Item discharged.**

## 6. Allotment Managements.

- a) The boundary fence to 4 May Mill Cottages on to the allotments has been totally removed meaning unsecure access is now possible onto the allotments. The committee will ask the parish clerk if a letter could be written asking the owners to reinstate this fence. **Action secretary/Parish council.**
- b) The committee had received two “observations” regarding the misuse of the water supply and leaving a tap running. It was agreed that a small notice be affixed to each tap reminding allotment holders that the water supply is a privilege and should be used responsibly. **Action secretary.**
- c) It was agreed that letters/emails should be sent to two plot holders on each site whose plots had not been used this year. **Action secretary.**
- d) The annual barbeque would be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July and a notice will be posted on the noticeboards asking for those interested to advise members of the committee by the 30<sup>th</sup> June. **Action secretary.**
- e) As the secretary was now a member of the parish council the committee needed another allotment holder to “balance” the committee, it was agreed that Peter Bailey should remain as the secretary but have no vote on the committee. Gill Bull has expressed an interest in filling the vacant place but this would need to be agreed with the parish council. **Action secretary/parish council.**
- f) The chairman suggested that all the allotment holders that were trained and certificated to use the newly purchased strimmer should have a session using it. He would arrange a “programme” so this could happen. **Action Chairman.**
- g) Any other business.
  - i) The committee’s thanks go to Eric Hawkes for repairing the “five bar gate” to the School site and removing the seized up padlock. It was agreed to remove the key padlock from the gate as some May Mill plot holders had been relocking the gate, by-passing the combination padlock. **Action secretary.**
  - ii) As there had recently been shed break-ins on the School site it was agreed that tenants on both sites that had sheds should be reminded that no petrol or similar inflammable liquids should be stored in accordance with Clause 3.13 of the tenancy agreement. If petrol got into the wrong hands sheds could be set alight. **Action secretary.**

## 6. Correspondence.

None had been received

## 7. Date and time of next meeting.

It is was agreed that the next committee meeting should take place at 19.30 on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015..

Approved by Chairman:

Date: