

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29 August 2018 at Somercotes Village Hall

Persons Present: Cllr B Lyttle (Chair), Cllr J McCabe, C Hedley (Clerk to the Council, C Addison-Lees (Treasurer & Secretary - Birchwood Allotments Association), M Hopkinson (Chair – Birchwood Allotments Association), Paul Price (Chair – Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association), Lindy Kirk (Treasurer – Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association), John Lincoln (Secretary – Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association)

AC/10/2018 Apologies – None received

AC/12/2018 **Birchwood Allotment**

- (a) Ingress of water from Birchwood Lane and Entry Area, Top Gate
- (b) State of the ground in front of top gate.

The ingress of water was still a problem. Derbyshire County Council had not responded to requests to address the problem. Further correspondence would be sent requesting a response and also that the potholes at the front of the top gate be repaired.

Ash trees had grown and were threatening overhead cabling.

The Open Day had been successful and £340 had been raised. Photographs would be forwarded for inclusion in the Council's newsletter.

The compost toilet had been installed and was working well.

The following was agreed:

- (a) That the Clerk write to the Highways Department as above.
- (b) That assistance is sought to reduce the height of the Ash trees.

AC/13/2018 **Sleetmoor Allotment**

DCC had inserted line markings at the access onto the site and the area was now clear of vehicles.

AC/14/2018 **Bridle Lane Allotment**

The Clerk advised that the issues with a neighbour's knotweed and asbestos on site had now been resolved.

The following was agreed:

(a) That the clerk obtained details for site contacts after the resignation of Louise Calow.

AC/15/2018 Structures on Allotments
Materials bought onto site
Consideration of revised lease agreement

The following was agreed:

That Allotment representatives consider the proposed amended agreement and provide comments/suggestions.

AC/16/2018 Bonfires. A discussion about the lighting of bonfires took place and it was agreed that where possible adherence to the Amber Valley Borough Council advice should be adhered to.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm