

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held at 6.30pm on Friday 2 February 2018 at Somercotes Village Hall

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

AC/1/2018 Apologies – None received

AC/2/2018 Introductions: made and noted.

AC/3/2018 **Birchwood Allotment**

- (a) Ingress of water from Birchwood Lane and Entry Area, Top Gate
- (b) Alteration to Service Agreement
- (c) Maintenance of Boundary Hedging
- (d) Yearly Council Payment

The following was agreed:

- (i) That the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council regarding (a) above and that the response be forwarded to C Addison-Lees and M Hopkinson.
- (ii) That recommendations concerning the Service Agreement (b) above is presented to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- iii) That the request for funding for hedging plants (c) above is presented to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- (iv) That requests for funding/grants from the Council are submitted in writing – (d) above.

AC/4/2018 **Sleetmoor Allotment**

- (a) Boundary Issues
- (b) Access –Sleetmoor Lane
- (c) Drunken Close – re-measured plots

The following was agreed:

- (i) That the Clerk write to DCC regarding the maintenance of the hedges - (a) above.
- (ii) That the Allotment Association deal with matters of access - (b) above.
That the Clerk contacted DCC re hash markings to prevent parking in entrance area. (AMENDMENT)
- (iii) That the Clerk refer (c) above to a future Parish Council Meeting.

AC/5/2018 Bridle Lane Allotment

- (a) Knotweed

The following was agreed:

- (i) That the Clerk contact Chris Beale of AVBC for advice re knotweed.
- (ii) That Bridle Lane Allotment Association would spray the residents garden which contained knotweed in the spring and autumn when undertaking spraying of knotweed in the allotment .

AC/6/2018 Bridle Lane Allotment Additional Items

- (a) Asbestos sheets on allotment.
- (b) Locking of Cemetery Gates
- (c) Drainage

The following was agreed:

- (i) That a quote is obtained by the Clerk for the removal of the asbestos.
- (ii) That AVBC is contacted to establish when the Cemetery gates are locked.
- (iii) That the drainage issue of standing water at Bridle Lane is raised with DCC by the Clerk.

AC/7/2018 Allotment Capacity

Birchwood Lane – 8 plots
Sleetmoor Lane – 0 plots
Bridle Lane – 1.5-2 plots

AC/8/2018 General

- (a) Tenancy Agreements & Rents
- (b) Public Liability Insurance

The following was agreed:

- (a) That a report on Rental charges for Allotments be presented to the next Parish Council Meeting.

AC/9/2018 AOB

It was agreed that judging for the Jim Spibey Memorial Shield competition would take place during June 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

