

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Allotments Committee held at 6pm on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at Somercotes Village Hall

**Persons Present:** Cllr B Lyttle, C Hedley (Clerk to the Council, C Addison-Lees (Treasurer & Secretary - Birchwood Allotments Association), M Hopkinson (Chair – Birchwood Allotments Association), , John Lincoln (Secretary – Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association), J Bonfield (Chairman - Bridle Lane Allotments Association), M Rumsby (Secretary – Bridle Lane Allotments Association)

**AC/9/2019** Apologies – Lindy Kirk (Treasurer – Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association) Paul Price (Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association)

**AC/10/2019** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2019 were agreed.

**AC/11/2019** **Birchwood Allotment**

(a) Ingress of water from Birchwood Lane and Entry area, top gate was still a problem. Clerk to contact DCC again for response.

(b) Request made from the Association for a donation of £350 from the Council for the purchase of a Flood Protection System. Cllr Lyttle advised that all applications should be made individually by each association to the Council for consideration. Confirmed that this would be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting.

(c) Enquiries were made regarding whether the Councils' insurance policy covered claims for flooding on allotment sites. Clerk to contact Zurich Insurance for clarification.

**AC/12/2019** **Sleetmoor Allotment**

The Secretary of the allotments enquired about a recent funding request and was advised by the Clerk that this would be on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting in November.

**AC/13/2019** **Bridle Lane Allotments**

(a) The Chairman of Bridle Lane Allotments advised that the bonfire band had been effective and no complaints had been received.

**AC/14/2019** **AOB**

(a) The new Tenancy agreements were approved by all present.

(b) It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with officers at AVBC about the arrangements for the planting of fruit trees and advise other members on the outcome.

(c) Both Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane Allotments were full. Bridle Lane had vacancies and it was agreed that this would be advertised in the next Council newsletter.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm

