

Minutes of Meeting of Allotments Committee held 23rd September 2010

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllr G. Hepplewhite & Cllr C. Pratt
2. Vice Chair – Lynn Wylie chaired meeting
3. Minutes of previous meeting - not available
4. Water provision to Strait Lane – Northumbrian Water estimate £1,400 for connection to mains. Allotment committee will need to arrange for a water pipe to be installed along the allotment to standpipes.
Cost of providing water in other allotments discussed, some pay rent for allotments and a charge for water. Possibility of a grant being available for the installation is better if we were an Allotment Association. A public meeting of tenants needs to be called. Water costs appear to be £4 to £20 a year..

Pros and cons of setting up an Allotment Association discussed, no conclusion reached. Further information requested.

5. Tenancy Update

Resolved, to display Tenants List at both allotments: requesting all tenants to check and confirm or correct their names, addresses and plot numbers.

Waiting list update, letter to be sent asking those currently on the list if they wish to remain on it.

6. Rents for 2011 will remain at £10 for each numbered plot. All rents are due before 31st December 2010. Any plots not paid for will be allocated to a new tenant from the waiting list.

Resolved The Rents Letter will be posted in November and include a reminder that dogs on the allotment must be controlled at all times and not allowed to roam. The letter will also remind tenants that fires cause nuisance to residents and may only be lit after 7pm in summer and after 4pm in winter.

7. Strait Lane Allotments – Letter to be sent to Mr J. Edwards asking him to keep his dog under control.

Item 12. Issues at Strait Lane - Petrol for lawnmower.

Resolved, that petrol should be paid for from rents held by the Parish Council.

Resolved that a skip be ordered for the weekend of 29.10.10. and a laminated notice informing tenants be placed on the notice board.

Item 13. Issues at the Grange - No representative from The Grange was present.

Item 14. Five-Year Plan. The fencing, wall arch repair, new lawnmower and notice boards are all complete. A fixed reliable water supply is being priced.

Item 15. Matters for Parish Council – Northumbria Water estimate and the installation of underground pipes and standpipes: also petrol for lawnmower

Item 16. Any other business – Mr P. Ayker proposed that he would mow the grass once a week, in return for his four plots being rent-free. The Committee declined the proposal.

Item 17. Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm.