

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Hurworth Allotments Sub-Committee held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Thursday 24th September 2009 at 7.30pm.

38.0/09 Present: - Cllr. G.Hepplewhite (Chairman)
Cllrs: - P.Foster, Cllr. G.Lawman
Co-opted members: - Mr.T.Hall, Mrs. L.Wylie
Cllr V.Hughes in attendance in attendance

Parish Clerk Mr. J.Robinson
3 Allotment holders also present

39.0/09 Apologies: - Cllr C.Pratt and Mr. G.Roche

40.0/09 Deceleration of interest: - nil

41.0/09 Minutes of August 25th meeting

Resolved: - These were approved

42.0/09 Matters Arising
Covered by Agenda items

43.0/10 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the rules in relation to allotments and in particular the term poles and how they are used in allotment measurement.

44.0/09 Tenancy Update

Plot 19B is the only one vacated, it was agreed to allocate to the next on the waiting list. Concern was expressed once more in regards to the standard of cultivation on plots, 19b,20b,21b,22b. It was agreed to write to all tenants and advise the plot must be brought up to standard. Concern was also expressed in regards to alleged sub-letting and it was agreed the Clerk write to all allotment holders advising this is strictly forbidden and is viewed as a breach of tenancy.

Resolved:-

- 1) All tenants are written to in regards to sub-letting.
- 2) Tenants on the 4 named plots be written to
- 3) Full waiting list be circulated along with a full list of allotment holders to Committee members
- 4) It was also agreed the fee be £10 half and £20 full plot

45.0/09 Tenancy Agreement

Draft leasing agreements as suggested by NALC were tabled, to be discussed at the next meeting.

46.0/09 Issues in regards to Strait Lane

The issue of a covered notice board as opposed to the current one, installing slabs between allotments and also water to the site was discussed. The issue of fires and timings for the setting of fires was raised. It was suggested the times be no later than 6pm in the Summer and 5pm in the Winter. A request for a skip was also made. Mr. Edwards has offered to provide a price for opening the wells.

Resolved:-

- 1) Clerk to obtain prices for all relevant work ready for the November Parish Council budget setting meetings.
- 2) Fires to only be allowed before 6pm in the Summer and 5pm in Winter
- 3) Skip to be provided for the weekend of the 10th October 2009
- 4) Obtain a price and insurance details from Mr. Edwards in respect of opening the wells.

47.0/09 Issues in regards to The Grange

Clerk advised price had been sought from Westwood timber to provide fencing, to date no estimate has been submitted.

Resolved: - to chase up estimate for fencing around the Grange site.

48.0/09 Financial Statement

Resolved: - To receive the financial statement tabled by Clerk. Committee membership details and reporting form also adopted for circulation to allotment holders.

49.0/10 The Grange Youth Allotment project

Cllr. Lawman advised the meeting of his proposal to establish youth allotments on the Grange. The matter to be discussed by the Parish Council in October. Members expressed support for any youth project encouraging the youth to take part in gardening and healthy living/eating

Resolved:- to note Cllr Lawman's project and await outcome of Parish Council meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm in The Grange Hurworth on Tees.