

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 12 February 2018, on the rising of the Meeting of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr M C Hilliar (Chairman)
Cllr A J Dent (Town Mayor)
Cllr T D Wright (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A N Gooding
Cllr C A Kitson

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A L Jones

17.399 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

17.400 Apologies for Absence

None, all members being present.

17.401 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 30 October 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

17.402 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar reported that the plots were looking good, all were bedded down for the winter. He said compared to the last inspection, there were a lot less letters to send out.

17.403 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported that the oak tree on the boundary between Tidwell Close and plot 23 had a few dead branches and the work to carry this out would be carried out on 23 March. The Council would be contributing £100.

17.404 Plot Inspections

The report of the recent inspection carried out by the Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar and tenant representatives was received.

Cllr Hilliar advised that four plots were changing hands.

He said he would continue to do an inspection in January to keep on top of things.

17.405 Permissions Granted

The following permissions for greenhouses and fruit bushes etc were noted:
Plot 31 Raspberry canes

17.406 Waiting List

The Clerk reported that all plots were occupied and there were currently only nine names on the Waiting List. Six plots had recently been re-let.

17.407 Rents Received

The Clerk reported that of the 83 invoices sent out, 18 remained unpaid and chaser letters would be sent this week.

17.408 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Cllr A N Gooding advised that he was aware there were still a number of rats at the gardens.

Cllr C A Kitson commented that this was open land and there were always going to be rats about. He said it was the Council's responsibility to inform tenants of good land stewardship.

The Clerk added that, with the Chairman's help, an information leaflet had been prepared which would be placed on the two notice boards.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.34pm.

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Chairman

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