

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 11 July 2016, on the rising of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.13pm.

PRESENT

Cllr C A Kitson (Town Mayor)
Cllr A J Dent (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A N Gooding
Cllr M C Hilliar

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr S V Hall and Cllr A L Jones

16.113 Election of Chairman

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr M C Hilliar, proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr C A Kitson and seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr A J Dent. The Town Mayor, Cllr C A Kitson declared that Cllr Hilliar be appointed as Chairman.

16.114 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

16.115 Apologies for Absence

None, all Members being present.

16.116 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 8 February 2016 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

16.117 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar thanked Members for the opportunity to Chair the Committee. He said he would organise an inspection of the gardens soon to see what, if anything, needed to be done.

16.118 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had no report to make.

16.119 Plot Inspections

It was agreed that Mr J Hitt and Mr S Hagger should be appointed as tenant representatives for 2016/17 and other tenants would be sought to assist with inspections in the future.

16.120 Permissions Granted

The following permissions for greenhouses and fruit bushes etc were noted:

Plot 8	Three dwarf fruit trees
Plot 23	Greenhouse, measuring 8' by 6'
Plot 30	Greenhouse, measuring 8' by 6'
Plot 67	Fruit bushes and fruit cages

16.121 Waiting List

The Clerk reported that the Waiting List currently stood at 26 names. Two people had been on the List for over two years and had previously been offered a plot but had not responded. It was agreed their names should now be removed from the list. The Clerk reported that two plots had recently been allocated and the new tenants had only been charged half rent because of the state the previous tenants had left the plots. One further plot was due to be re-let and this would also be offered at half rent.

16.122 Rents Received

The Clerk reported that of the 87 plots, only 18 remained unpaid. She had sent chaser letters reminding tenants that payment was due.

16.123 Accounting

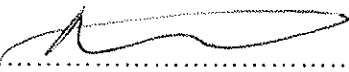
Consideration was given to a new start date for the "community gardens" year. The Clerk explained that if tenants were to relinquish a plot it would be easier for the incoming tenant if this was done during the winter. It was therefore

Agreed: From 2018, rental invoices will be sent out on 1 January. An invoice for six months will be issued on 1 July 2017 and will then revert to annual from 1 January 2018.

16.124 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

Cllr A N Gooding asked if the issue with weeds growing through the fence onto on plot 1 had been resolved. The Clerk reported that she had advised that the plot holder use weed-killer and had not heard any more from him.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.25pm.



 Chairman
 10/10/16

 Date