

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 10 July 2017, on the rising of the Meeting of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.16pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs J E Vanstone

**Others Present:** Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr S V Hall, Cllr A L Jones and Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone

### **17.121 Election of Chairman**

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr M C Hilliar, proposed by Cllr A N Gooding and secondly by Cllr C A Kitson.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr T D Wright declared that Cllr Hilliar be appointed as Chairman.

### **17.122 Public Speaking Time**

No members of the public were present.

### **17.123 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from the Town Mayor, Cllr A J Dent (recovering from an operation).

### **17.124 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 13 February 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

### **17.125 Chairman's Comments**

The Chairman said there was not a lot to report. There had been a great deal of improvement since the last inspection although a few letters needed to be sent out!

He said there was an issue with the shed doors, which had started to drop. He had asked the Clerk to see if there was a solution to this problem.

He understood some tenants were using the drop-off section as a car park. He had asked the Clerk to remind tenants that this was an unloading section and tenants should then park in the road.

### **17.126 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had no report.

### **17.127 Notice Board**

Details of the cost of an additional notice board, to be placed near the main entrance, were received and it was

**Resolved:** A second notice board should be purchased and the Clerk will arrange for the Handyman to install it near the main vehicle entrance.

**17.128 Tenancy Agreements**

Consideration was given to creating an additional rule barring evicted tenants from taking on another plot for a specified period of time. After some discussion, it was

**Resolved:** Evicted tenants will be barred from taking on a new plot for five years.

Consideration was then given to a request from a tenant regarding the use of hose pipes and it was

**Resolved:** The Clerk should send out a reminder advising that over-use of hose pipes would decrease water pressure and increase water charges. She should also include a suggestion of when the most effective time would be to water.

**17.129 Plot Inspections**

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

The Chairman said there was a great deal of improvement although there was still an issue with weeds! Three plots would be getting eviction letters.

Two plots had unruly fruit bushes which needed attention and these would receive letters.

All in all, he was very impressed with the general appearance of the plots.

**17.130 Permissions Granted**

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

Plot 85	Fruit Trees
Plot 59	Greenhouse, measuring 8' x 6'

**17.131 Waiting List**

The Clerk reported there were currently 18 names on the Waiting List. Two plots were in the process of changing tenant.

**17.132 Rents Received**

The Clerk reported that of the 87 plots, 12 accounts remained unpaid. She had sent chaser letters reminding tenants that payment was due.

**17.133 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion**

Cllr C A Kitson asked if one of the residents of Greenway Gardens was still using the Community Gardens as their own garden.

The Chairman confirmed this was no longer a problem.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr T D Wright said how lovely the wildflower garden was.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.32pm.



Chairman

30/10/17

Date