

## **BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 9 July 2018, on the rising of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.31pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs J E Vanstone

**Others Present:** Cllr A L Jones, Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone, Cllr R D Sherriff and two members of the public

### **18.117 Election of Chairman**

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr M C Hilliar, proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr T D Wright and seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr S V Hall. Cllr Wright declared that Cllr M C Hilliar be appointed as Chairman.

### **18.118 Public Speaking Time**

A plot holder spoke about the use of hosepipes at the gardens. He said it was very wasteful and he was not happy subsidising other tenants. He asked the Committee to seriously think about banning hosepipe use at the gardens.

He also spoke about the items which had been left in the unloading area. He supported the idea of recycling unwanted items but some of the items had been there some time. He wondered if a poster could be placed on the notice board asking those who donate items remove them.

The Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar asked the Clerk to put a notice asking tenants not to use hosepipes and one regarding the recycled items.

Cllr C A Kitson suggested tenants put up a notice advising of which items they have to recycle and that they can be collected from their plots, rather than leaving them in the unloading area.

### **18.119 Apologies for Absence**

None, all Members being present.

### **18.120 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 12 February 2018 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

### **18.121 Chairman's Report**

Cllr M C Hilliar reported there were few problems and overall, the plots were kept to a high standard. He would cover this further in his Plot Inspection report.

### **18.122 Clerk's Report**

Mrs J E Vanstone had no report to make.

**18.123 Plot Inspections**

Cllr M C Hilliar reported on the most recent inspection carried out with two tenant representatives. He said that some plots were in a worse condition now than in January! As usual, he had supplied a list to the Clerk who would send out the standard letters. He said Mr Hitt and Mr Hagger were happy to continue as tenant representatives.

**18.124 Permissions Granted**

The following permissions for greenhouses and fruit bushes etc:

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| Plot 57 | Various fruit bushes |
| Plot 78 | Greenhouse (8' x 6') |

**18.125 Waiting List**

The Clerk reported that all plots were occupied and there currently only three names on the Waiting List.

She wondered if she should advertise the gardens on the Council's website as two of those on the List had only recently turned down a plot.

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

Mrs J E Vanstone advised she would be preparing a newsletter to send to tenants and the following items would be included:

- Reminder to limit use of hosepipes
- Request to clear rubbish/recycling from the drop-off area – she would include Cllr Kitson's suggestion
- Request to keep the paths/banks clear which are adjacent to plots and if doing work for neighbours, to get their permission beforehand!
- Request for email addresses for all tenants which would save time and money
- Advice about treatment of sheds – no colours, clear preservative only.

She also mentioned that some of the path edging was beginning to rot. She had received a suggestion that old tiles/slates could be used but wondered if there might be health & safety implications.

The Chairman would monitor the situation and bring this subject back to the Committee if necessary.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.48pm.

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Chairman

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Date