

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 30 October 2017, on the rising of the Meeting of the Town Council.

Meeting commenced at 8.07pm.

### **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

### **17.259 Public Speaking Time**

No members of the public were present.

### **17.260 Apologies for Absence**

None, all Members being present.

### **17.261 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 10 July 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

### **17.262 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar reported:

- No recent inspection had been carried out, but one would be done soon, dependent up the tenant representatives being available.
- A second notice board had been erected, although not in its original intended place following a comment from a tenant who thought it would be in her way!

### **17.263 Clerk's Report**

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- No requests had been received for fruit trees etc.
- The waiting list was currently at fourteen names. Two plots had recently been let but there were one or two which seemed to change hands quite frequently. She thought this was because being a plot holder was more work than the tenants realised!
- All rents had now been received.

### **17.264 Vermin Problem**

A letter from a resident of Greenway Gardens was received and considered.

Members agreed that vermin are as much a nuisance to the plot holders as to the residents of Greenway Gardens but there is little this Council can do to eliminate the problem due to the semi-rural location of the Community Gardens.

**Resolved:** The Clerk should contact the complainant suggesting they contact the District Council Environmental Health Department for ideas on how to dispose of the dead animals.

**17.265 Plot Clearance**

Correspondence from a new tenant regarding the condition of their plot was received and considered. It was

**Resolved:** The Clerk will contact Clinton Devon Estates regarding the tree on the boundary of the Community Gardens. The Chairman will inspect the plot in question and instruct the Clerk as to what action, if any, needs to be taken regarding clearance of the plot.

**17.266 Rent Increase**

A possible rent increase, which would come into effect from 1 January 2019, was discussed. It was

**Resolved:** No increase will be made for year commencing 1 January 2019.

**17.267 Precept Requirements 2018/19**


The figures prepared by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr C Richards, had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was agreed that anticipated income would more than cover anticipated expenditure and it was

**Resolved:** The Precept Requirement for 2018/19 would be nil.

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

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.24pm.

  
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