

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 8 October 2018.

Meeting commenced at 7.21pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs J E Vanstone

**Others Present:** Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr A L Jones, Cllr R D Sherriff and three members of the public

### **18.227 Public Speaking Time**

A plot holder spoke about some of the conditions in the Tenancy Agreement which he felt were not being adhered to. He commented that one plot was mostly lawn, one plot had not been tended for at least eight months and was covered with weeds. He said the rules had been set out to encourage gardeners without hindering others. He concluded by reporting that it seemed a family of hedgehogs had taken up residence on the Gardens.

The Chairman, Cllr M C Hilliar advised there would be a Plot Inspection at the end of the month and asked that the plot holder let the Clerk know which plots he had issue with and Cllr Hilliar would check on them during the inspection.

### **18.228 Apologies for Absence**

None, all Members being present.

### **18.229 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.

### **18.230 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported:

- the Plot Inspection would be held on 27 October and if any of the Committee wished to join him, they would be most welcome
- The Clerk had received a few requests for polytunnels and after some consideration he had decided that they were allowable with a maximum size of 3.1m x 2m x 2m. He said they fitted in well if tucked behind the sheds.
- All plots were reasonably tidy
- The water would be turned off at the end of November

### **18.231 Clerk's Report**

Mrs J E Vanstone had nothing to report which was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### **18.232 Permissions Granted**

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

Plot 4	Polytunnel (3.1m x 2m)
Plot 15	Polytunnel (3.1m x 2m)
Plot 19	Polytunnel (3.1m x 2m)

**18.233 Waiting List**

The Clerk reported that all plots were occupied and there were currently seven people on the waiting list.

Four “troublesome” plots had recently been re-let to enthusiastic new tenants and she was hopeful things would settle down.

**18.234 Precept Requirements 2019/20**

The figures prepared by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr C Richards, had been circulated prior to the Meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Richards for preparing the figures and applauded him on doing such a good job. It was then

**Resolved:** The Precept Requirement for 2019/20 would be nil.

**18.235 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion**

- Cllr C A Kitson asked if it was a possibility that the larger plots be split if the tenants were struggling.

Mrs J E Vanstone advised that the larger plots had originally been designed for tenants who had two plots on the old site and that all larger plots were in a good state of cultivation.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.29pm.

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