

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 14 October 2019, on the rising of the Meeting of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.28pm.

PRESENT

Cllr M C Hilliar (Chairman, Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Town Mayor)
Cllr P W R Duke

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr D J Hayward, Cllr A L Jones, Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone, Cllr Mrs M P Lewis, Cllr H L Riddell, Cllr R D Sherriff and District Cllr A J Dent

19.246 Public Speaking Time

District Cllr A J Dent spoke as a resident of Greenway Gardens. He and his fellow residents had been working hard to persuade the management committee to arrange the cutting of the Devon Bank which bordered the Community Gardens. This had now been carried out and he asked if the Council could ask plot tenants to attend to the other side.

The Clerk explained that it was part of tenants' duties to keep the Bank cut but they had difficulties gaining access because of the rabbit-fencing. She said she would speak to the Chairman and see if they could come up with a solution.

19.247 Apologies for Absence

None, all Members being present.

19.248 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee held on 8 July 2019 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

19.249 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that everything was running smoothly and the tenants were getting on with each other! He was pleased to advise that he had a new member on the inspection team who was a knowledgeable gardener!

19.250 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported there were a couple of troublesome plots but her assistant was on top of things and one tenant was moving plot.

19.251 Plot Inspection

The Chairman advised that a Plot Inspection had been carried out on 13 October. Sixteen plots were in need of some attention, five of which were on his watch list. He said the majority of plots were tidy and ready for the winter.

19.252 Permissions Granted

The Clerk advised of the following permissions:

- Plot 19 – Fruit trees

She also advised that the wooden edging on the plots was beginning to rot and after one or two enquiries from tenants, she had opened an account at the Colaton Raleigh Sawmills. Tenants could order what they needed and once confirmed all was in order, the materials were added to the Council account. She said the system was working well and so far five tenants had replaced their edging.

19.253 Waiting List

The Clerk advised that there were currently twelve names on the waiting list.

19.254 Plot Rents

Consideration was given to a possible increase in Plot Rents. After some discussion it was

Resolved: The rent will be increased by £2 per annum with effect from 1 January 2021.

19.255 Precept Requirements 2020/21


The figures prepared by the Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone, had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was

Resolved: The Precept Requirement for 2020/21 would be nil.

19.256 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.49pm.


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Chairman
10 February 2020
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Date