

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cookhill Parish Land meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7pm at Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), Cllr A. Sumner (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M. Churchill, Cllr T. Bennett, Cllr Paul Davis

In Attendance: Chairman of the Allotment Association
6 members of the public
District Councillors Audrey Steel & David Wilkinson
Clerk Kate Brazier

The Chairman asked the members of the public if there were any items that they were concerned with on the agenda and if they wished to comment before the meeting officially opened but he would also close the meeting for public discussion if necessary.

L16.013 Apologies Mrs Watkins, Cllrs P. Stephens & V. Gupta

L16.014 Declaration of Interest

- a) Register of Interests. Members were reminded of the need to update their Register entry.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: none.
- c) Other Disclosable Interests: none.

L16.015 General matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Allotments

- a) **Report from Clerk:** All invoices paid. Field rents due to go out in the next week.
- b) **Report from Chairman:** Thank you to Mr Claydon and Allotment Committee for all their hard work this year.
- c) **Report from Allotment Association Chairman:**
 - All 36 allotments are now in use with 2 new tenants signed up for plots 6A. & 6B.
 - The chicken shed has now been removed and will be utilised elsewhere on site.
 - There are currently no spare plots but plots 8A. & 19 will be vacated in March 2017.
 - The Allotment Association will be renumbering the plots in the new year.
 - Following a number of first aid emergencies on site over the summer, when the first aid kit was put to good use, an accident book is being used and the kit replenished.
 - A number of incidents involving wasps have occurred this summer and the relevant pest control used.
 - The hardcore track has now been laid and looks good. The Chairman wished to thank those tenants who volunteered their time to help with this despite inclement weather.
 - The water will be switched off at the end of September and a reading taken and recorded.
 - The Allotment Association AGM will be held on 26th September in the Why Not bar.
- d) **Best Kept Allotment** – Cllr Pinfield has purchased the trophy ready for the announcement.
- e) **Servicing of allotment machinery;**
 - i. Hayter grass cutter – Lottery funded & has 18 months warranty left.
 - ii. BCS Honda/tractor – Lottery funded & has 18 months warranty left.
To comply with 3 yr warranty conditions they need to have an annual service at a recognised dealer (Ron Smith).
 - iii. 2 x Honda Strimmers – Require annual serviceThe Association are seeking approval for funding from the Parish Council to get the machinery serviced at the recognised dealer to comply with the remaining warranty.
This was proposed by Cllr Churchill and agreed unanimously.

L16.016 General Matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Fields.

- a) **Chairman's Report** – Cllr Pinfield confirmed that following discussions with Rooftop Housing the replacement hedge behind the boundary of Ridgeway Meadow will be planted in October and will be maintained by the Parish Council in perpetuity.
- b) **Field Rents** – As advised and prepared by Mr M. Barker of Fisher German and agreed by the Parish Council;
 - i) **Mrs Edwards** (rent expired August 2015) - 4.55 acres
 - Current rent – £318.50
 - Suggested rent – £400.00 *had the rent been reviewed annually and the compounded RPI indexation applied. Using RPI figure from September 2007 to RPI as at August 2015.*
 - ii) **Mrs Watkins** (rent expires April 2017) – 9.04 acres
 - Current rent - £672.06
 - Suggested rent - £788.00 *had the rent been reviewed annually and the compounded RPI indexation applied. Using RPI figure from April 2009 to today's date.*The clerk will contact Matthew Barker at Fisher German to get the new agreements drawn up to commence from April 2017.

L16.017 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council land meeting:

Site Inspection is Sunday 8th January 2017

Land Meeting is Tuesday 10th January 2017

The meeting closed at 19.28.

Signed Chairman

Dated