



**Minutes of Cookhill Parish Land meeting held on
Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7pm at Cookhill Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), Cllr A. Sumner (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M. Churchill, Cllr P. Davis, Cllr V. Gupta

In Attendance: Chairman of the Allotment Association – Mr David Claydon
Parish Paths Warden – Tony Mitchell
3 Members of the public
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.

L17.001 Apologies Cllr P. Draper & Cllr T. Bennett

L17.002 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.

L17.003 General matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Allotments

- a) Report from Clerk – None
- b) Report from Chairman – Cllrs Pinfield and Sumner had visited the allotment site prior to the meeting. They identified an area of overgrown hedge that needs to be pulled back. The responsibility for this is to be identified. The new footpaths warden is to look at the overgrown footpath.
- c) Report from Allotment Association Chairman – One of the plots due to be vacated has now been cleared but there are three substantial sheds on the plot. Mr Claydon proposed that the middle section of the outbuildings be used as the shed for the vacant Plot 8 with the adjacent buildings be used as general site storage.
Mr Claydon advised the Parish Council of his proposal to return plots 13 a & b and 18 a & b to one plot – making them 13 and 18 – in line with the adjacent plots that are the same size, but whose tenants pay half as much rent. The Council asked if there was any way to access the lower part of the plots, but David said that, due to the slope of the land, they could not be accessed without crossing another plot.
- d) Allotment Rental Review – Cllr Sumner proposed that the plot rental amount be increased in 2018 and this was seconded by Cllr Gupta and agreed unanimously.
Cllr Sumner asked Mr Claydon to consider working out the plot rental amounts by square footage, this will be reviewed at the next land meeting.
- e) Available plots – There will be 3 vacant plots available from the beginning of April. The clerk agreed to advertise these in the What's On.
- f) Re-numbering of allotment plots – Ongoing
- g) Grass-cutting and Hedge-cutting – The Parish Council approved the grass-cutting charge of £120 & hedge-cutting of £50 per cut for 2017/18.

L17.004 General Matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Fields.

- a) **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman advised that the Council had received a letter from the Rural Payments Agency advising that the Parish had been identified as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone. It was agreed that this would not affect the allotment tenants but the clerk agreed to pass on a copy of the letter to the field tenants when their revised rental agreements are sent.

L17.005 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council land meeting:

Site Inspection is Sunday 11th June 2017

Land Meeting is Tuesday 13th June 2017

The meeting closed at 19.34

Signed Chairman

Dated