



**Minutes of Cookhill Parish Land meeting held on
Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7pm at Cookhill Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors R. Pinfield (Chairman), A. Sumner (Vice-Chair), M. Churchill, T. Bennett & P. Davis.

In Attendance: Chairman of the Allotment Association – Mr David Claydon
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.

L18.001 Apologies Cllr Draper & Cllr Gupta

L18.002 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.

L18.003 General matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Allotments

- a) Report from Allotment Association Chairman
 - The site is fairly wet at the moment, the hedges and tracks have been cut. No significant damage from the recent high winds apart from one tree down on the footpath. Tenants have been contacted to say Happy New Year to get an idea if anyone will be surrendering their plots for the new season.
 - All plots are now taken, with a waiting list.
 - New locks will be need on site very soon as they are giving notice.
- b) Funding Request for a Rotavator for use at the allotments
 - The Allotment Association requested funding from the Parish Council for a rotavator for use on the allotments. The committee own a large, industrial machine that is too technical for tenants to use and also a small one that is not strong enough for some jobs on site. The machine will be available for all to use. David Claydon has researched suitable machines and believes the Honda machine to be the best one for the needs. Cllr Sumner asked about the health and safety concerns of tenants using the machine and where this leaves the Council's Public Liability Insurance. Cllr Davis advised that as long as tenants were asked to read the instruction manual and then to sign to say that they had read and understood it, this will mean the user takes responsibility for the usage. Official training is not a good idea in this case, unless it is carried out by the manufacturer. Tenants will be asked to replace fuel used. The purchase was proposed by Cllr Sumner and seconded by Cllr Davis.

L18.004 General Matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Fields.

a) Chairman's Report

- The footpath below the Allotments has had its kissing gate removed in favour of a standard gate and the stile at the other end is still to be replaced. Tony Mitchell will investigate.
- Horse manure is being disposed of in the hedge running along the footpath at the bottom of the Allotments.

L18.005 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council land meeting:

- **Site Inspection** is Sunday 10th June 2018
- **Land Meeting** is Tuesday 12th June 2018

The meeting closed at 7:18pm

Signed Chairman

Dated