

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Allotments Subcommittee, held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Friday 17 February 2023 at 10:30

Present: Cllr J Bell in the Chair

Cllrs T Hames, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead and S Parker

Tenant Representatives: S Clifton, P Palmer and Bev Richmond

1. Confidential Items

1.1. There were no confidential items to discuss.

2. To receive apologies for absence

2.1. Apologies were accepted from Tenant Representative Neil Richmond

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

3.1. To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

3.2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

3.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None to receive.

4. To note the minutes of 18 November 2022 and 3 February 2023

4.1. Noted

5. To receive matters arising from the meeting of 18 November and 3 February 2023

5.1. None

6. To discuss the management of unkempt plots

6.1. A discussion took place regarding a number of plots that had been identified as unkempt at the most recent and previous plot inspections.

6.1.1 There is particular concern regarding one plot which has been highlighted previously and the tenant is known to not be renewing this year. To be referred to as Tenant A

6.1.2 There is particular concern regarding two other full plots that continue not to be worked in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. To be referred to as Tenants B and C.

6.1.3 Vacant plot 30a has a caravan on which has been in place for many years and it would be beneficial to have this removed before the new tenant starts. It is to be noted that a neighbouring tenant who had expressed an interest in the caravan (to use as a shed) no longer wants it.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council that:

- A letter is sent to Tenant A to ask what their plans are in relation to clearing the plot before they vacate it.
- A letter is sent to Tenants B and C to advise them that they would need to give up half a plot as they have repeatedly over a number of years failed to work the plots in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.
- To contact a scrapman to see if they would be willing to remove the caravan from plot 30a.

7. To receive an update on pest control

The latest report from Prompt Pest Control was reviewed and **noted**.

7.1. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding rats

A resident who lives nearby to the allotments has raised concern about rats coming from the allotments. A discussion took place.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council that a letter would sent acknowledging their concerns however there was nothing further that could be carried out; there is a monthly pest

control service in place, tenants are encouraged to keep their plots tidy and the Parish Council carry out frequent inspections.

8. To review new lettings and the waiting list

8.1. 12 residents on the waiting list

8.2. There are 3 plots that have recent become vacant. These will be offered to the next people on the waiting list.

9. To receive updates from Brackenhill Allotment Association

9.1. The pumpkin event will be held on Saturday 29 April 11 til 12:30

9.2. The AGM will be held on Sunday 26 February

9.3. The Treasurer explained that the Association's bank are going through a Know Your Customer process and they may need a letter of acknowledgement from the Parish Council to confirm Brackenhill Allotment Association are bona fide. If this is needed the Treasurer will be in contact with the Parish Council office.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11:15