



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

Present:

Councillor N Butler
Councillor S Cross
Councillor O Jacques (Chair)
Councillor D Skinner

Mrs L Healey (Allotments Administration)
Mrs J Topham (Town Clerk)
Mrs K Geddes (Assistant Town Clerk)

Co-opted Members:

Mr C Wiggins (Railwayside), Mr P Atkinson – (Cape Housing West), Peter Lamb (WHS), Phil Borrill – (PEAS), Steve Poynter – (PEAS), David Corsi – (Canalside)

Absent:

Councillor M Ashford, Councillor N Murphy, The Mayor (Ex Officio), Mr D Barber (Myton Green)

MINUTES

268. Apologies: Simon Wilson (Canalside)

269. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. None

270. Matters arising from previous minutes. The Committee recorded formal thanks to Mrs L Healey for her work as Allotments Administrator. This role has now passed to Mrs K Geddes.

Request for updated Rules and Regulations 2023 to be sent to PEAS.

271. Update from Allotment Administration Team – Report had been circulated and

recommendations agreed. This included a request from a potential plothead on Cape Housing West for consideration of a rent-free period in which the plot could be made tidy and productive again. This request was discussed, and a two-year rent-free period agreed.

272. Maintenance - Allotment Representatives are requested to notify the office of any issues in advance of the meeting:

- Cape Housing West - main gate wooden post is becoming loose because it is starting to rot at the bottom. Possibility of lighting on main path?
- PEAS – standpipe replacement programme. Seven left to be replaced – four in 2023/24 and three in 2024/25.

273. Allotment rules – response from NAS ref. Hosepipe ban

The hosepipe ban in the Rules and Regulations 2023 follows the stance adopted by the NAS in their rules and has been adopted for both cost-saving and water-saving reasons.

274. Myton Green Allotment site – Town Clerk advised that the Council has now received £1000 from the site developers for a shed. A meeting is to be set up on site with WDC Green Space officers, the Assistant Town Clerk and the allotments representative to discuss siting, size, use and costs.

No further development in the transfer of the land yet.

275. Carbon Neutral discussion – practical steps discussed included rainwater harvesting, recycling, types of products used, use of land, existing good practice and use of chemicals. It was agreed that the representatives of each allotment site and the WHS Show would construct a list of ideas which could support the furtherance of carbon neutral adoption. These lists to be forwarded to the Assistant Town Clerk for collation and circulation. Important to note good practice already implemented.

Signed..... Dated.....