

HELLESDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Playing Fields, Amenities & Allotments Committee held on
Wednesday 22 October 2014 at 7pm in Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Hellesdon

PRESENT

Miss J Wright – Chairman

Mrs D Attenborough Mr D Buck Mr D Jones-Blackett Mrs S Taylor-Smith Mr J Youles

Mr J Hall (Deputy Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

None

Cllr Wright opened the meeting and welcomed those present

1. Absence and Apologies for Absence

All members present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Taylor Smith – Agenda item 4.7

Non pecuniary interest- Son plays for Firside Athletic u14s team.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. General Matters

Allotments

4.1 Amendment to allotment rule 6.2.

RESOLVED to change rule so that sizing for sheds and greenhouses are the same.

No shed or greenhouse to be longer than 8 foot and wider than 6 foot.

4.2. Tenant's letter concerning allotment rule 4.17

RESOLVED to agree to allow dogs on leads on the allotment site. Rule to be reviewed in October 2015.

4.3 ALG meeting held on 2 October 2014 - noted.

RESOLVED to accept recommendation that the Terms of Reference are agreed for a further year.

4.4 Hedge between existing site and extension site.

Maintenance of the hedge has become very difficult following the construction of the extension of the allotments as the hedge has become incorporate within the site. In addition, sight lines across the whole site are reduced considerably making security an issue.

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RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

The hedge should be cut back to ground level over the winter period to reduce the requirement for maintenance and to improve security on the allotment site.

Tenants whose plots are affected by this hedge would have the responsibility of ensuring that the hedge does not exceed 1m when it grows back. Contractors would carry out this work and would chip all arisings on site to reduce cost of removal of green waste.

4.5 Recommendation to full council in respect of disability access.

A tenant who has a mobility scooter has experienced some difficulties in obtaining access to his plot.

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

The Deputy Clerk to meet with the tenant to ascertain the problems and report back with costed recommendations to resolve the issues.

4.6 Non Hellesdon residents – Permission to rent an allotment plot.

A number of requests to rent an allotment plot had been received from non Hellesdon residents.

RESOLVED not to allow non Hellesdon residents to rent plots.

Recreational Ground

4.7 Request for additional team from Firside Athletic to play at Recreational Ground.

A request from Firside Athletic u13s team had been received to play their home matches on the recreational ground on a Sunday morning.

RESOLVED to allow Firside Athletic u13s team to play home matches on the recreational ground on Sunday afternoons only to ease congestion of both car parking and fixtures of other teams playing on a Sunday morning.

5. Exchange of Information

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the position concerning the Youth Pod which currently is in storage. Concerns were expressed at the amount of litter left by football teams after games had finished at the weekends. The Deputy Clerk advised he would write to all football teams using the recreational ground and remind them of their responsibilities.

8.10pm - Cllrs Buck and Attenborough leave meeting.

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the position concerning the transfer of ownership of Mountfield Park from Broadland District Council to the Parish Council.

Considerations to the enhancement and maintenance of the park would have to be discussed in the 2015/16 budget meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting date would be held in the Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Wood View Road, Hellesdon. The date and time to be advised.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Miss J. [Signature]
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