

Minutes of the Allotments Management Committee
Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 19.00hrs in the
Hullbridge Parish Council Office

Present: Plot holders: Mr Burrell, Mr Baker, Mrs B Hayes, J Delasalle and Cllrs D Jeffery and D. East
 Clerk: Mrs AM Bates

22. Apologies

22.1 Apologies received from Ms D Gant – accepted.

23. Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

23.1 Members signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24. Approval of Minutes

24.1 Minutes of the meeting held on **17th September 2014** were approved and adopted previously by the Full Council. Chairman signed the minutes.

25. Declarations of Interest - None

26. Outstanding items from the last meeting

26.1 Plot 71 – bee hives. Dave Hilton provided Members with an update regarding the proposed bee hives and advised that the bees will be arriving end of April /May. Dave will be putting up the relevant signage and netting. The Clerk asked for a copy of his public liability insurance.

27. Allotment Plot Holder Changes / Inspection and Competition

18.1 Members noted the plots update as below, but asked the clerk to confirm the number of plots as there is a discrepancy.

FULL PLOTS		17.09.14	03.03.2015	
	TAKEN	83	81	
	VACANT	0	1	59b
	UNDER OFFER	0	0	
	WAITING LIST RESIDENTS	9	10	
	WAITING LIST OUTSIDERS	15	19	
HALF PLOTS	TAKEN	52	52	
	VACANT	0	1	58b
	UNDER OFFER	0	0	
	WAITING LIST RESIDENTS	5	3	
	WAITING LIST OUTSIDERS	20	20	

18.2 Allotment Inspection took place too early but H066 is having a letter sent as the shed is oversized and the compost bin is broken and hanging over the footpath.

18.3 Best Allotment Competition- the Committee agreed to run it as per last year and for the Clerk to write to last year's judge requesting her services.

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Posters will go up nearer the time and once the Committee have selected a short list, those plots holders will be able to withdraw their plot from the competition.

28. Allotment

- 28.1 The Committee discussed the flooding of plots and unfortunately there is nothing that can be done to resolve these issues.
- 28.2 RESOLVED – The Committee agreed that as plot 59b has a lot of rubbish etc. the pro-rata fee will be waived.
- 28.3 The Committee are aware that several points along the main footpath is very wet/muddy and although this has been addressed in the past the next Working Party will try to repair it.
- 28.4 The water butts have been recently maintained and the water will be turned on 12th March 2015.

29. Requests for permission for Sheds / Greenhouses

- 29.1 RESOLVED: Shed Requests Plots 67 agreed.
- 29.2 RESOLVED – Greenhouse requests Plots 19/23/67/71/89 agreed.

30. Ditch (adjacent to eh Allotment

- 30.1 It appears from ECC Highways and information gathered that the ditch adjacent to the Allotments is the responsibility of the landowner/tenant. At the next Working Party the ditch will be cleared.
ACTION - Clerk to write to the farmer in respect of the opposite ditch which is a similar state, but also contact ECC to find out if the Culvert is blocked that crosses the road as the bus stop gets regularly flooded.

31. Next meeting:

- 31.1 19th May 2015 and 15th September 2015 / 5th April 2016 / 7th June 2016 / 13th September 2016 the Plot Inspections will be carried at 10am.
- 31.2 Proposed future meetings Wednesday 27th May 2015 / 23rd September 2015 / 13th April 2016 / 15th June 2016 / 21st September 2016 all at 19.00hrs at the Parish Council Office.

Meeting Closed at 20.00hrs

Anne-Marie Bates
Clerk to the Council

Chairman _____

Date _____