

Minutes of Hullbridge Parish Council Allotments' Management Committee meeting held on Monday 5 September 2011

Present: Mr I Burrell (Chairman), Mr J Baker, Ms D Gant, Mrs B Hayes, Mr A Seaman, Councillors: D East, C Theobald

Visiting: Mr D Wakeman (plot 45a)

Apologies: Cllr H Dunmow

Minutes of meeting held 6 June 2011 that were approved 13 June 2011 were signed by the Chairman

Matters arising:

Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mr A Sobey thanking him for the work he had done at the allotments but had not received any requests for reimbursement. It was noted the work carried out on the trees at rear of plots 85 and 89 had been completed. Clerk confirmed that there were still a further 4 full plots to be split before reaching the agreed 44. No work had been carried out on plot 110b although a new tenant had agreed to take it over – Clerk to follow this up.

Allotment inspection:

- a) **Plots** – an inspection was carried out by Ian Burrell, Andy Seaman and Cllr H Dunmow on Tuesday 30 August. The following were to be sent a 1st warning letter: 7, 58a. It was understood the tenant of 83a had broken her leg some six weeks prior. It was agreed to write and enquire when she would be fit enough to work on her plot. Plot 74 had no number and a letter to be sent. Plot 81 was not used for sufficient cultivation but more for storage and the surrounding grass paths were not cut regularly. A letter to be sent.
- b) **Greenhouses** – no problems
- c) **Boundary** - no problems

Request for a beehive on plot 45b – information which had a positive note on bee keeping on allotments was downloaded from the internet and had been circulated to Members. During discussion concern was expressed about the potential problems that could occur with the bees and the concern of neighbouring plotholders. It was resolved to recommend that bee hives sited on plots should not be given permission due to the close proximity of neighbouring plotholders.

Request for greenhouses:

Plot 105 – it was resolved to recommend that permission be granted

Plot 45b – it was resolved not to recommend permission for two polytunnels, on the grounds that only one greenhouse per plot is allowed and the polytunnels do not conform to the permitted size.

Visibility exiting from Allotments site – the work party had cut back the adjacent hedge as far as it could however although visibility had been improved it was still considered difficult to see traffic travelling around the corner. It was resolved a letter should be sent to the farmer on the opposite side of the road and request that he

cuts the hedge lower on the inside of the bend so the tops of vehicles could be seen prior to travelling around the bend.

Request for dwarf fruit trees: it was resolved to recommend permission be granted for dwarf fruit trees/bushes on plot 58b.

Rent renewal letters: it was resolved to add to the rent renewals a reminder regarding half plot holders wishing full plots and bonfire safety.

Wally Godbold Cup – over the years the silver plating had been rubbed off. It had been recommended by the engraver that it should be nickel plated which would be more durable. Estimated cost £80.00. It was resolved to recommend this be carried out.

Items for next agenda – there were none. Members were requested to let the Clerk know of any items they wished included for the March agenda.

Chairman _____

Date _____