



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Committee held at Arms Everytyn House on Thursday, 8 June 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors: K Ellis (Chair), E Anderson-Smith, D Carr, A Cartie, L Rickerby, D Walls

Also Present:

Councillor R Parker

M Wilkinson Deputy Town Clerk
M Hawthorne Committee Clerk

Members of the Public – 3

The Chair welcomed new and returning Councillors to the Allotments Committee

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors: O Potts, G Thompson, G Webb
2	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION None.
3	MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017 Committee agreed to ADOPT the minutes.

3.1	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.
4	ALLOTMENTS OFFICER'S REPORT The Allotments Officer referred to his detailed report which was circulated and added the following: Work on the removal of the trees is almost finished. It was acknowledged that the final tree will be delayed due to birds nesting. Inspections – the Allotments Officer recommended to Committee that the inspections are carried out on a monthly basis to ensure any issues are dealt with in good time. Committee agreed to this. It was noted that requests for skips have been received and in some instances Cheviot Skips have been used as JBT will not take wagons onto the sites. The Allotments Officer asked Committee to agree to the request to replace the seat dedicated to Cllr Les Smith. This seat was installed by Cllr Knox but is now in poor condition. The Chair of the Environmental Services Committee has confirmed that the Council have seats in stock. Committee agreed to replace the seat and put the name plate on the new one.
5	BORROWING FOR CAPITAL WORKS The Deputy Town Clerk commented that at a previous meeting Officers were asked to clarify whether the Council could borrow money for major works. The report circulated reflects the potential for borrowing, including an indication of the annuity repayments to cover a loan for £100,000 over 10 and 15 years. Committee agreed that this could be an option in the future but would need further information before making a final decision.
6	RODENT CONTROL It was noted that the Allotments Officer has completed a CRRU course which allows him to administer poison on the allotment sites where there are problems.

7	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT BUSINESS None.
8	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3 October 2017, 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

MEMBERS OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Councillors:

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O Potts (Vice Chair)
E Anderson-Smith
D Carr
A Cartie
L Rickerby
G Thompson
D Walls
G Webb