

**Blyth Town Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee** held in the Council Chamber at Arms Evertyne House on Thursday 2 June 2016 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:**

Councillors: K Ellis (Chair), J R Potts (Vice-Chair), C Bruce, R Parker, O Potts

Officers:

J Hughes Acting Town Clerk

D Clough Allotment Officer

M Hawthorne Committee Clerk

**Members of the Public:** 4 (who signed in)

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| **No** |  |
| **1** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Councillors: B Elliott, D Rutter |
| **2** | **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION**  None. |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2016**  The Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on the 2 February 2016 were **AGREED** by the Committee and signed by the Chair.  It was noted that Councillor Bruce gave apologies for this meeting. |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  **Minute No 4, Complaint from resident of Bebside House**  It was noted that NCC are responsible for this and the resident has been advised.  **Minute No 5**  Plot 2, Isabella - the Allotment Officer confirmed this is now being cultivated.  Request for chippings – the Allotment Officer said that the chippings must not have tar in them and also explained that on previous occasions not all allotment holders used them.  Barriers – Councillors noted that there are gates at each end of the allotments and if the association want a barrier they would have to pay for it.  **Part II**  The Allotment Officer said that he is monitoring Plot 53 and to date the allotment holder has complied with the letter he received (this was circulated to all Councillors). The allotment holder is aware of the consequences should he fail to maintain the plot. |
| **5** | **ALLOTMENT OFFICER’S REPORT**  **ALLOTMENTS**  **Bolam Site -** 3 new plots re-let.  **Beatrice** – 4 plots empty.  **NNDDAA and BSHAA**  The Committee discussed the proposal set out in the Allotment Officer’s report that *“they are offered a new lease based on terms of the lease currently held by BSHAA”.*  Councillors agreed in principle to the new model. The Allotment Officer will circulate a copy of the lease to all Councillors for consideration and feedback by 17 July 2016. This will then be ratification at Full Council.  **BEBSIDE**  Councillor J R Potts asked whether the taps could be moved inside the fences. The Allotments Officer said that additional taps would be needed and it was agreed he will get costings for this.  **TENTH AVENUE**  Councillors agreed to the Allotment Officer purchasing new barrels and keys from Graphic Pavement Sings Ltd at a cost of £10.00 plus carriage and installation.  **WENSLEYDALE**  Committee discussed this and agreed to the installation of a new water system at a cost of £7,917.55+VAT. This will enable the Allotment Officer to monitor the water usage.  **BEATRICE NEW SITE**  This issue has now been resolved. The stables are to be demolished and there is now a new tenant. |
| **6** | **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT BUSINESS**  None . |
| **7** | **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  Tuesday 2 October 2016, 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House. |

**MEMBERS OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Councillors:**

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C Bruce B Elliott

R Parker O Potts

L Rickerby D Rutter

A Turnbull

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