



**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2019, AT 7.15pm, IN THE NEW
SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.**

Present: The Chairman, Councillor MacKeith, Cllrs, J Bolder, Dowie, Fairclough, with L. Kunzeman, J. Stephens

Others Present: C A Ryde (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chris Church and Chris Sugden

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

There were no minutes for approval. Councillors notes that the minutes of 11 April 2019 had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 25 April 2019 and the minutes of Allotment Committee business during the Parish Council meeting of 18 July 2019 had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 12 September 2019

4. ALLOTMENTS

a) Review of Temporary suspension of Allotment Rule 2 for a single allotment holder.

Allotment Committee members were reminded that they had discussed and AGREED by 4 votes to 1 the Parish Council meeting on 18 July 2019 to the temporary suspension of rule 2. Councillor Dowie restated his objection to this decision as the opportunity to temporarily keep chickens was not available to all allotment holders.

Councillors reviewed their decision and AGREED unanimously to:

- 1) Extend the suspension of rule 2 because (a) the trial had been a success and (b) on the principle that the opportunity should be available to all allotment holders
- 2) Consider requests from any other allotment holder during the trial extension
- 3) Review again at the next allotment meeting with a view to discussion at the AGM.

Councillors were mindful that a rule change would need due notice as per NHPC allotment rules.

b) Pond.

Councillors reviewed the above and noted that as the pond had not been dug at the time of the meeting, no further action was required and the situation would be reviewed in due course.

c) Vacant Plots

The Chairman, Councillor Ms. A. MacKeith reported that plots 25, 45, 56, 67, 98, 100, 118 were either vacant or in transition between ownership.

d) Next Inspection.

The chair undertook to circulate dates for the next plot inspection and a majority of the committee requested prompt posting of letters to plot holders if remedial work was required.

e). Works.

The Committee reviewed works undertaken since last meeting and noted that there were no outstanding issues.

5. NORTH HINKSEY NATURE RESERVE AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

a). ROSPA Safety Report 2018/19

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding actions.

b). Nature Reserve, Orchard and Meadow

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding actions.

c). Update on work carried out by conservation volunteers in Nature Reserve

The Clerk agreed to locate a copy of the existing management plan for the nature reserve and Memorial Garden along with terms associated with funding provided in return for a Right of Way. The Committee AGREED to thank Nat West Bank Staff for the offer of volunteer help provided the work was carried out in line with any management plan in place at the time. The management plan to be reviewed at a future meeting of the committee.

6. ANY OTHER INFORMATION/BUSINESS.

Nature Reserve bins and picnic table

The Committee AGREED to the Clerk effecting a repair to the Nature Reserve Picnic table and to investigating provision and emptying of an additional litter bin in the Nature Reserve.

Additional hedge cutting

The Committee requested the Clerk to arrange for the hedge to be cut along the community orchard/nature reserve boundary with North Hinksey Lane footpath.

7. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING 09/01/2020.