



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Allotment Committee
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Thursday 27TH January 2022

Chairman: *Councillor S.Sutherland*

Present: *J.Houlihan, M.Young, E.Bruce, P.Davies.*

In attendance: J.Robinson (Town Clerk)

Members of the public: *no members of the public*

ALL71.0.0/21. APOLOGIES

Cllr. A.Bruce, K.Hornsby.

ALL72.0/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. E.Bruce due to her husband being a tenant of an allotment.

ALL73.0/21. MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

ALL74.0/21 TENANT PARTICIPATION

None

ALL75.0/21 REPORT ON CURRENT TENANCY ISSUES

No update report given since last meeting as no allotments allocated/returned to Council, remaining items covered by agenda..

ALL76.0/21 RATS ON SITE

No reports have been received by the Town Council since the last meeting. Cllr. J.Houlihan reported on a meeting he had held with the contractor re future work. In reply to a question from a member the Town Clerk advised the Council have still not had a reply/instruction from Environmental Health especially in regards to the erection of fencing to the rear of Keates Road.

ALL77.0/21 INSPECTION PROCESS

Cllrs. S.Sutherland and J.Houlihan advised they will complete inspections of all plots by the end of March 2022. They are meeting with tenants on Hambleton Way to discuss issues regarding the size of their allotments and they will undertake inspections at the same time.

ALL78.0/21 2022 TENANCY CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION

The Town Clerk presented a series of documents he and the Finance and Admin Officer intend sending with the 2022 Contract Renewal. Some slight amendments were made to accommodate joint tenancy. The documents were approved.

Cllr. M.Young requested and supported by members that tenants be advised a review of water charges is to take place during 2022/23 with the revised scheme operational from 2023.

ALL79.0/21 DOG BINS

An indepth discussion took place regarding dog bins. Cllr. M.Young proposed seconded by Cllr. E.Bruce to write to County Councillor J.Cairns to investigate DCC replacing their dog bins as well as requesting DCC erect no smoking signs in all Bus Stops and to obtain costings for 10 new bins to be purchased by the Town Council.

ALL80.0/21 FUNDING 2022/23

Cllr. M.Young requested that the Full Council on 8th February 2022 discuss ring fencing of the £10,000 revenue income during the 2023/24 financial year.

ALL81.0/21 PLAY AREAS

Members agreed to request an urgent meeting to discuss all aspects of play with Mr. J.Young of DCC.

ALL82.0/21 QUEENS CANOPY

Members discussed the forthcoming tree planting event on the Pentlands in regards to the Queens Platinum Celebrations. Final details confirmed.

ALL83.0/21 FENCING

Members considered the issue of fencing especially due to the recent storms. 36 fencing posts and concrete have been bought under emergency powers, this was approved. It was agreed to obtain costings for replacement fencing per meter to enable members to make an informed decision.

ALL84.0/21 NEXT MEETING

To be held on Thursday 17th February 2022 Hutton House Chilton at 10.30am.

Signed:-
Mayor of Chilton
8th February 2022