

Report of the Allotment Sub Committee to the Parish Council

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 30th March 2015**, in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Cllr Mrs S Young chaired the meeting.

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Young, K Ronaldson, Mrs D Ronaldson, Mrs V Sadowsky, Mrs J Sosin, Mrs M Miller, A Sosin, J Fuller and T Miller.

In Attendance: The Assistant Clerk of the Council
 The Administrative Assistant
 The Grounds Manager

749/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Hull and Cllrs T Hatcher and Mrs C Shaw, who had substituted Cllr Mrs M Miller.

Cllr Mrs S Young formally advised the meeting of the death of Mr Clive Arben, adding that although Mr Arben had not been an allotment representative for long, his contribution had been significant.

750/14 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registered Non Pecuniary Interests.

751/14 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

752/14 Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting held on 15th December 2014 were presented and proposed by Cllr Mrs S Young, seconded by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson and signed as a true record.

753/14 To receive an update report on matters raised by the Allotment Representatives on 15th December 2014

A report prepared by the Administrative Assistant had been circulated prior to the meeting, advising that the first allotment inspections of the year had recently taken place.

The Administrative Assistant also informed the meeting that there had been a number of reported incidents on both allotment sites, whereby equipment and produce had been stolen. All affected tenants have been advised to contact the police.

The following items were noted:

- There are 2 vacant plots on the Vicarage Lane site and 4 at the Towerfield site.
- Currently neither site has a waiting list.

Cllr Mrs S Young requested that the vacant plots be advertised at the forthcoming Horticultural Spring Show and the Meadgate Community Day, both due to take place in April, and on noticeboards. The Administrative Assistant will produce a poster and action accordingly.

Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson asked whether the area that had been cleared at the back of the Vicarage Lane site would be suitable for allotment use. The Ground's Manager advised that due to the number of tree roots, it would not be advisable to use the land for allotments.

Update on issues raised by the Towerfield Allotment Representative on 15th December 2014

- Following Mr Hull's concerns about the straining wire on the northern boundary of the Towerfield site, the Administrative Assistant advised that an inspection had been carried out by the Ground's Manager, and the problem had been rectified. During the works, the undergrowth previously reported by Cllr Mrs S Young had also been removed.

Update on issues raised on the Vicarage Lane site on 15th December 2014

- The problems with the Vicarage Lane notice board, reported by Mr Arben, have been repaired by the Grounds staff.

754/14 Report of the Towerfield Allotment Representative

Mr Hull had given his apologies prior to the meeting.

755/14 Vicarage Lane Allotment Site

Following the sad loss of Mr Arben, there is currently no allotment representative for the Vicarage Lane site. After some discussion, it was agreed that posters would be placed on noticeboards advertising the vacancy.

756/14 Matters for information

Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson informed the meeting that she had received a number of compliments on how well kept the Lawn Cemetery looks.

757/14 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 29th June 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.41 pm

Signed.....Chairman.....Date