

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, St. J Greenhough, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. L Willis and two representatives from the Allotment Holders Association

1) Apologies:

Councillors T Fiddler, K McKay, (other business) and J Graham (sick).
It was resolved to accept the reasons for not attending.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in all of the items on the Agenda
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley & Mrs. L Willis declared a pecuniary interest in the lease agreement relating to Item 7.

3) To consider a request to stop parking on the eastern side of the Sports field.

It was pointed out that in the past the Council rented out garages in this part of the Sport field and parking on the shale area helped the parking problem on Bush lane
It was resolved to allow cars to be parked on the shale area but not larger vehicles.

4) To consider a request from the Cricket section to install benches around the Cricket field.

It was resolved to allow benches to be installed only on concrete areas around the field.

It was pointed out that the nets, in the south east corner of the field, were in need of repair. The Clerk agreed to write to the Cricket club to ask them to get them repaired or remove them from the ground before the LBKVC judges starts at the beginning of June '22.

5) To review the Hedgerow between the Sports Field and the Allotments.

It was resolved that the hedgerow should be layered and new hawthorns planted in areas where the hedgerow was missing.

6) To consider an area to plant trees

It was resolved that trees should be planted by the fencing of the first allotment and the dog exercise area.

7) To undertake the annual inspection of the Bush lane allotments

Overall it was felt that the allotments were being kept in good order.

It was noticed that on one of the plots a ram was being kept in a small enclosed area and it looked as if it was in a distressed condition. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the tenant to request he improves the conditions for the ram.

In addition, it was noted that some of the buildings, on the same plot, were falling down. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the tenant to request that the buildings are repaired or taken down

The Leasehold agreement was reviewed regarding the keeping of Horses, Ponies and Donkeys on the allotments.

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley & Mrs. L Willis left the meeting.

The Clerk pointed out that in 2014 all the allotment holders signed a new agreement that stated only 5 allotments would have equestrian animals and these would be either 1 horse or 1 pony or three donkeys.
After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that it was acceptable to keep 2 donkeys and a pony on one of the allotments.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....09/05/22.....