

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. J Atherton, K McKay and two representatives from the Allotment holders Association.

1) Apologies:

T Fiddler (other business)

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in items 3 – Bush lane allotments and item 4 – the Dog exercise area and the Bush lane sports field. Councillors Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. N Whalley declared an interest in item 3 as tenants of the Allotments.

3) To review the Bush lane allotments.

It was resolved that the following action should be taken:-

Plot 6a – The tenant should be asked to cut back the bushes in front of his plot to the boundary fence. In addition the grass on his allotment needs cutting. Austin agreed to contact him.

Plot 1a – The gate and shed roof needs repairing. The plot needs tidying up by cutting back the weeds and grass. Concern was raised that the mother of the tenant is working the plot and not the tenant. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the tenant giving her a final warning that the plot needs to be improved and she should be working the plot.

It was requested that 20 tons of plainings should be ordered to repair the pathway to plots 8-13.

It was agreed that all tenants would be advised to remove all unwanted asbestos from their plots. A skip would be hired and the Council will pay for the removal. Austin agreed to notify all the tenants.

4) To review the Dog Exercise area and the Bush lane sports field.

It was resolved that the following action should be taken:-

The area in front of the green waste pen should be dug out, gravel inserted and then refilled and seeded. In addition, a plastic support should be embedded into the grass in this area and part way back to the Centre to help support the heavy vehicles when the green waste is removed.

A vote of thanks should be sent to John Rhodes for the excellent job he has done to clean up the patio area adjacent to the Centre.

The rear of the pen is to be repaired.

The Clerk reported that the junior football section had requested installing a container adjacent to their pitch at the western side of the Cricket score box. Concern was raised that this area would be used by youths for un-social behaviour. It was resolved that this should be referred to the Rawstone Centre Management committee for them to liaise with the Junior Football section to agree a suitable place for the container.

Signed.....Mrs. P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date.....03/07/23.....