

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. P Mulholland, K McKay, Dianne Dickinson and Mrs. J Atherton

1) Apologies:

Councillors T Fiddler & Mrs. C Thomas (other business).
The reason for absence was accepted.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in items 3 – Croft Butts lane Allotments and Item 4 – The Hawthorns

3) To review the Croft Butts lane allotments

The Annual review of the allotments took place and the following were noted:-

1. Some allotments and areas adjacent to the main pathway were not well kept and were full of weeds.
2. Some pathways between plots needed mowing.
3. Other plots and pathways were well kept.

There followed a general discussion with the Allotment holders where concerns were raised regarding the rent increases. It was agreed that the Clerk would send details of the expenditure for the last two years and the rent increase would be reviewed. Also, concern was raised about 2 emails having not been responded to. The Clerk reported that he was not aware of any emails that had been overlooked and requested that these emails be sent to him so that he could investigate.

In addition, concern was raised that the boundary area where a new hedgerow had been planted was not secure. It was agreed that fencing would be installed, until the hedge has grown, to make it secure.

4) To review the Open Spaces areas on the Hawthorn

Concerns were raised that some shrubbery areas needed additional weeding. Also, some trees, on the pathways, needed the branches removing as they were lower than head height.

It was noted that the hedgerow between the properties and the Open Spaces area had been cut back.

Signed.....Mrs. N Griffiths, Chairman.....

Date.....03/06/2024.....