

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. P Mulholland, K McKay,
Dianne Dickinson and several allotment holders.
The Chairman of the Council Mrs. N Griffiths was also in attendance.

1) Apologies:

Councillor T Fiddler (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 – The Bush Lane Allotments, Councillor Mrs. J Atherton declared a pecuniary interest in item 3 and did not attend the meeting. Councillors Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Whalley and Mrs. Dickinson declared a pecuniary interest in item 3 and did not vote.

3) To hold discussions with the Bush lane holders regarding drainage.

The Clerk reported that he had received two quotes for installing new drains on the allotments.

1. £24,225 to include a main drain to the north of the allotments and herringbone drains every 10 metres running diagonally across the allotments
2. £13,600 to include a main drain running down the Centre of the allotments.

It was agreed that item 1 was the preferred option but concern was raised regarding the location of the main drain. It was agreed it should be more central to avoid the roots of the trees on the northern side of the allotments. In addition, the first 2 plots should also be drained and a guarantee given that the fall was sufficient to take the water away.

It was agreed that a Technical representative from FBC should be asked to review whether the fall would be suitable for drains to be installed.

Also, it was agreed that a third quote should be obtained from another Contractor.

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

Date.....02/09/24.....