

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Allotments, Cemetery & Car Park committee held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 in the Town Council Office at 19-00pm		
Present:	Cllr Pickernell in the Chair,	Cllr J Langley
	Cllr O White	Cllr M Giles
	Cllr C Giles	
Representative:	Mr J Hollis (Garden Club)	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
155/17	1. Apologies- were received and accepted for Cllr V Dixon (Holiday), and Cllr B Cordery (Family).	
156/17	2. Declaration of Interest – no declarations received.	
157/17	3. Minutes of the previous meeting had been approved at 11 th April 2017 full Town Council meeting. The clerk updated the committee referring to the Electrical Installation Report of the public Toilets raised under point 11. AJK have been appointed to repair.	
158/17	4. Allotments - <u>Bell Street</u> – a) Monthly report – Plot holder no.35 has agreed to the split of the plot vertically and would like to keep the side nearest to Biddesden Lane. Clerk to take photo of plot, contact plot holder that all agreed and then re let no. 35a. Cllr O White to look for a new plot marker. Back of Plots 41, 42 & 43 need grass cutting clerk to contact caretaker. Photos were shown of Plot 43 & 32 showing broken shed/rubbish built up. Clerk reported that Plot 32 had already been contacted and they had stated they would clear, however nothing has been done. Clerk to send strong letters to both plot holders and start warning process. The report shows plots 21, 22 & 29a as being neglected for more than 2 months clerk to start warning process with first letter of contact. b) Due to the dryer weather the Bollard has been opened, because of the problems with the lock being taken and then manipulated a new lock will be sought prior to being locked at the end of the year. c) Pop up shop at Bell Street – Mr J Hollis from the garden club stated that the new committee wish to promote the garden club and its shop at Bell Street allotments. Using a pop up van to encourage growth of the club. Over the next 3 months 2 or 3 times for a couple of hours and to use the turning area. The committee had no problems with this and agreed. d) Scalping’s at Bell Street the committee discussed the issue and the suggestions from a plot holder/garden club	Clerk Cllr O White Clerk

	<p>regarding obtaining scalping's from DIO to repair the issue. The committee will be looking into this. Clerk to reply to plot holder with same. Also plot holder 28 is having problems with access and his wheel chair, Clerk to reply 'this is classed as a rural path inclement weather may have adverse effects and unfortunately this is out of LTC's control'. e) Pest issues at Bell Street a plot holder has offered his services to cull the rats at Bell Street using an air rifle. Clerk to refuse permission this is not within our remit and rats are unfortunately a consequence of this type of use of land. f) Rear access at Bell Street discussed last meeting but still awaiting resident to confirm the day that she will remove her trailer. g) Poly tunnel request from plot holder slightly wider than allowed in rules, discussed this is at the discretion of the council and in this case as a one off it will be allowed. Clerk to contact plot holder with same.</p> <p><u>Dewey's Lane</u> – a) Monthly report – plots number 23 & 25a have deteriorated over the last couple of month's clerk to send first letter.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
159/17	<p>5. Jubilee Garden – a) Anti-Social behavior problems – update – no reports as the Garden is still closed and will stay closed till next month. b) Damage to fence at the bottom right of the garden – Cllr O White to put blackberry bushes where the fence is damaged.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr O White</p>
160/17	<p>6. Rose Garden – none.</p>	
161/17	<p>7. Car Park/Toilets –</p>	
162/17	<p>8. Cemetery - a) Cemetery Notice board – Update – Clerk supplied 2 quotes £178.36 inc VAT but no fitting or £184.19 inc VAT and fitting. Committee agreed to go with second quote including fitting. Clerk to place order. b) Levelling the graves Clerk read out the quote from Gavin Jones £415.80 not inc. vat for 14 grave plots also stating that would be better to hold off till Autumn. The committee asked clerk to check that price will be held till autumn and if so to go ahead and agree. c) Damaged bench in cemetery tube in framework that goes in to ground is lost Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis will repair. d) Early burial payment - clerk has received a request from a resident who has a reserved grave asking to pay in advance for the whole burial. Committee discussed and unfortunately due to inflation and other items that may incur price increases LTC cannot agree to this. Clerk to write to resident with same.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis</p> <p>Clerk</p>
163/17	<p>9. War Memorial - a) Grant update – the War Memorial Trust have been in contact decision will be end of May – Admin Assistant had provided 3 quotes they have chosen Cliveden Conservation and have proposed 75% of final costs to be covered by the grant.</p>	
164/17	<p>10. Any Other Business (For information only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr M Giles stated that a better security measure should be looked at for the gate of the Rec. Clerk will put on agenda for RLE next month. • Mr J Hollis asked for new posts to be attached to 2 fruit trees in Dewey's Lane allotments – Cllr M Giles will take a look and clerk to put on agenda for next month. • Cllr J Langley asked a question to the 'gardeners' about carpet covering some allotment plots, what does this do? Discussed not 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr J Langley</p>

	<p>good for cultivating this will now be noted for the next inspection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from potential resident asking about restrictions on St James Carpark discussed, committee asked clerk to reply stating that St James carpark is a public carpark. • The caretaker has asked what is being done with the bags of bark at the end of the cemetery as they are being used as a rubbish area for the public. Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis will look into this. Skip still being used by unauthorized people clerk will put on agenda for next month. Parking in front of Cemetery gates, Clerk to ask Caretaker to take photos, so committee can assess. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis Clerk</p>
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There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.25pm. The date of next meeting will be Tuesday 16th May 2017.

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