

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Allotments, Cemetery & Car Park committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 in The Council Chambers at 7pm

Present Cllr Pickernell chair, Cllr Tanner, Cllr Hollis, Cllr Cordery, Cllr White. Mr Jarrett (Garden Club Representative)

1. Apologies Cllr Dance, Cllr Beard, Cllr Freeman.

2. Declaration of Interest No declaration of interest received

3. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and approved at the January full council meeting.

4. Matters Arising from January meeting. Wiltshire waste had still not repaired the Bund Wall in the cemetery; chipping repairs had still not been completed in the Cemetery, Repair to grave and headstone damage-pending to weather improving.

5. Allotments Bell Street. (a) Hedge work had now been completed, Members agreed to replace with whips where the two dead trees had been felled. (b) 1 plot still remains vacant, Nobody on waiting list. (c) It was agreed the water supply should be turned on the 1st April 2013. (d) A request had been received by a tenant wishing to keep bee hives on the allotment, Permission was declined as it was felt there could be a danger of other allotment users being stung. Also the hives could become a danger to the public through vandalism. (e) One half of the vehicular gate still remained shut as the track was still very wet. (F) Insurance claim no further correspondence.

Allotments Dewey's Lane (a) Waiting List. All new tenants on the list before January 2013 have been allocated plots. Two new tenants had applied to go on the list this month (February) (b) it was agreed the water should be turned on the 1st April 2013.

6. Jubilee Gardens Nothing to report.

7. Rose Garden Nothing to report

8. Car Park (a) Work on the Height Restriction Barrier will start shortly. (b) The mud and debris had been cleared from the drain outside the toilet block. However it could not be washed down due to the height of water in the drain. The gully was last emptied February 2012 at a cost of £297.00 plus vat. The Town Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council.

9. Toilets The cleaning contract expires 31st March 2013. The existing cost is £688.00 per calendar month. Town Clerk to contact contractor.

10. Cemetery (a) Wiltshire Council confirmed spraying of moss would commence 19th February 2013. (b) A request had been received for stepping stones to the Garden of Remembrance, It was agreed to discuss at a future meeting when the cost of the work was known. (c) Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Waste regarding Bund repairs, (d) Work on the new headstone border had still been delayed owing to bad weather. (e) An application had been received for additional inscription to an existing headstone. There was no objection, the fee of £40 had been enclosed with the application. (f) It was agreed to turn the water back on the 1st April 2013.

11. Small Works Contract. This was discussed and no alterations were suggested. It was felt there had been a suggestion made, for an increase in wages for Mr Ward. Further enquiries were to be made before commenting further on the contract.

12. Any Other Business. (a) Cllr Hollis wished to record his objection to the system used to allocate plots. He felt it was wrong to give priority to new tenants on the waiting list. He felt existing plot holders wishing extra plots should have priority over new tenants. (b) Cllr Hollis had been approached by Dewey's Lane allotment holders for a new fence to be installed adjoining the military owned land at the back of the allotments. It was agreed this would be costly, It was pointed out new fencing wire had been repaired two years ago by the military, and the Town Council had planted additional hedging. It was agreed no further action would be taken.(c) Cllr White asked if we should send a letter to allotment holders reminding them to lock their sheds. The police reported they would take no action if unlocked sheds had been broken into. It was agreed to ask the Town Clerk to send a letter.

13.The meeting was closed at 8-10pm.

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