

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Allotment, Cemetery and Car park Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2013 in the Council Chambers at 7.pm

Present Cllrs Pickernell (chairman), Giles, Hollis, Cordery, White, Dixon and Mr Jarrett (Gardening Club rep)

1. **Apologies** for absence, Cllr Dance
2. **Declaration of Interest.** No Declaration of interest received.
3. **Minutes** of the previous meeting had been circulated and approved at the June full council meeting.
4. **Allotments,**

Bell Street - Plots 4 and 18 have been repossessed with notices displayed on the plots. As there is no waiting list for Bell Street these plots will be offered to those people on the Dewey's Lane waiting list if there is no interest shown, the plots will be offered to two existing tenants of the Bell Street patch who have already expressed an interest in taking them on.

Plot 19 Mrs Haslam – chicken/duck runs have been enclosed by a picket fence and gated. Plot 43 Mr Opie is unable to continue running his plot due to ill health and has therefore terminated his tenancy, if he is able to run a plot in the future he will go on the waiting list in the normal way. Disposal of this plot will be the same as 4 and 18 above. Utopia our previous sign maker is returning to CBP, an order will be placed as soon as they begin trading.

Deweys Lane -

A letter had been received from Mrs Walker requesting the repair of fencing on her allotment.

Cllr Cordery informed the committee that some years ago Mrs Gale had claimed part of the adjoining land on the twelve year occupancy rule.

The Town Clerk was to be asked to investigate if this was still legal, as Mrs Gale no longer lived in the property.

It was agreed the committee should meet on site at 9am Thursday 18th July 2013.

(a) At this meeting it was agreed to install a gate from the public pathway enabling the council to have future access to the allotment. (b) It was agreed that Cllr White and Cllr Giles would measure the site and clarify the allotment boundary; (c) They would also check the condition of the boundary fence and report back at the next meeting if any repairs were required, (d) If required a works order would be issued to remove any

illegal fencing (e). Cllr White to contact Mrs. Walker to inform her members of the council would be inspecting the allotment

One tenant has applied to erect a poly-tunnel, permission, granted providing that he dimensions do not exceed those of a greenhouse which is allowed in the rules,

5. **Jubilee Garden**, The council clerk has requested that Balfour Beatty treat the gravel path as per their contract.

6. **Rose Garden**, NFA.

7. **Car Park**, The leaning wall on St James Street will be monitored. A works order to be placed to cut new saplings around the tree and weeds around car park & toilets.

8. **Toilets**, NFA.

9. **Cemetery**, Paving slabs now complete. The clerk has requested a new "Exclusive Rights" book be purchased at a cost of £98.23. This was agreed

10. **War Memorial**, The flood lights had stopped working the clerk had permission from the chairman to get AJK Service to check them, this was done on Monday 15 July. It was discovered that the PIR was not working, this was replaced at a cost of £46 plus labour. Payment would be discussed at the next meeting when the full parts and labour costs were known

11. **Ludgershall in Bloom** The position currently is that the Allotment Committee will run the competition for 2013 Cllr Hollis asked that the situation regarding "Ludgershall in Bloom" be clarified, The competition this year would be run by the Allotments Committee, with a view to the competition being run by the Town Events committee in future years.

Cllr Hollis estimated that the cost of certificates and trophies would be no more than £50, this was not a bid on behalf of the gardening club. Cllr Gardner had agreed to print the certificates free of charge.

12. **AOB**. Cllr Hollis informed the committee that an individual has been seen walking through the allotment area at Bell Street with a mobile phone he seemed to be unusually interested in the plots, he was told the the area is private and he left, this should be monitored and any further visits reported. Two tenants of Dewey's Lane area asked if more water troughs could be placed around the allotments. The committee agreed that the present arrangement is sufficient.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed**Date.....**