

Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held in The Rackliff Centre Rusthall on 18th December 2017 at 8:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Benoy, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Duncombe and Cllr Punyer

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs S Denne – Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Yes

1. **Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting -**
None
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Smith (previous engagement).
3. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Benoy has an allotment plot
4. **Minutes:** To resolve that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2017 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
- 4.1 **Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items)** – Committee and Clerk to discuss Item 6 before March meeting.
5. **Finances** – The Clerk informed the members that nearly all rental payments had been received. However, a few plots had become vacant.
6. **Bees at Southwood Road** – Mr Webb spoke to the members about his wish to keep up to six bee hives at the Southwood Road allotments and to rent a shed. It was agreed that he could take on land at the far end of the old Primrose sight. The Clerk, along with the Cllrs, to draw up an agreement between Mr Webb and the PC with regards to rental and payment for electricity. It was agreed that Mr Webb would be responsible for his own insurance. Signs to be displayed warning plot holders of hives.
7. **Clerk’s Report** – The Clerk reported that there had been some interest to having a shop on the Southwood site. She would collate the information and pass to members.
8. **Chairman’s Report** – Fencing at Wickham Gardens had been repaired. TWBC are considering compulsory purchasing fields, at back of Southwood Road allotments, from Jockey Farm to use as further football pitches.
9. **Open session for questions from the public:** It was reported that a water tap needed repair at the Southwood Road allotment site. Cllr Benoy agreed to look at it and also turn off the water to the site. Clerk to turn off water at Wickham Gardens and plot holders from the extension volunteered to turn off their water.

The meeting closed at 21.00