

Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held in

The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road on 16th December 2019 at 8.00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Ellicott (V. Chairman), Cllr Edwards, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Funnell, Mr Benoy and Miss French

OFFICER PRESENT: Su Denne

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Members of the public present.

1. **Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting** – - No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Cllr Smith
3. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests-** Cllr Wilson, Cllr Ellicott, Mr Benoy and Miss French have allotment plots.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying.** None
5. **Minutes -** To resolve that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16th September 2019 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record.
6. **Open session for questions from the public:** A member of the public told the Cllrs that a gate was being left open on the Wickham Garden site. The Clerk informed him that it had been broken and a contractor had been instructed to look at it. The gentleman offered to repair it, if the contractor was unable to.
7. **Tunbridge Wells in Bloom** The following plot holders won medals for their allotment plots: Mr Farmer and Mrs Valerie Wilson won Silver Gilt and Mr Tapp and Miss French won Gold. Miss French also won Champion of Champions for her plot.
8. **Vacant plots** – It was agreed that plots SR6B and SR 32B would require clearing before being rented out. Clerk to ask for volunteers to help clear both plots on Saturday the 8th February at 0930. A member of the public offered to transport the rubbish to the tip, as he has a Commercial Licence. The Cllrs agreed.
9. **Skips** – The Clerk reported that a 6yard skip would cost £220. The gentleman, that volunteered to help at the clearing of vacant plots, informed the meeting that he would charge far less and could visit each site on agreed days. Dates to be confirmed at the March meeting. The acting Chairman, Cllr Ellicott, thanked him.
10. **Installation of water taps** – It was not possible to go ahead with the water taps and moling because the ground is waterlogged and can't be worked on until the spring. It was therefore agreed that, due to the lapse in time, the proposed contractors who had already submitted quotes would be invited to update their quotes. Cllr Edwards to instruct a further possible contractor to contact the Clerk and arrange a site visit.

11. Clerk's Report – The Clerk informed the members that she had had a site visit with TWBC and their contractor to discuss the hedge/trees surrounding plot 7 of the extension. It was agreed that the vegetation required trimming. Work to be carried out by TWBC. Wooden fencing required fixing on the SR site, contractor had been informed. Two or three rental payments still outstanding.

12. Chairman's Report - Nothing to report

Date of Next Meeting –16th March 2019

Meeting Closed at 20.30

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Dated