

Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held in The United Reformed Church Rusthall on 17^h June 2014 at 7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Benoy (Chairman) and Cllr Edwards

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs S Denne – Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Yes

Election of Chairman and of Vice Chairman – Election for Chairman Cllr Richard Benoy. Election for Vice Chair Cllr Barry Edwards.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Lawrence and Cllr Codd
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Benoy has an allotment plot
3. Minutes of the Allotment Meeting held on the 17th March 2014 were agreed.
4. **To discuss the possibility of one or two allotment holders to join the Allotment Committee** – This was agreed; one allotment holder put his name forward. The Clerk needs to check the legality, as allotment holder lives outside the boundary. *Clerk, also to email all other allotment holders, to request a further volunteer.*
5. **Notice Board** – Cllr Benoy informed the meeting that as yet the Committee had been unable to find someone to make a notice board. The Clerk informed him that she would ask someone known to her.
6. **To discuss dates for future meetings** – the hall is not available for the September meeting for the time originally requested. It was agreed to arrange it for the 30 September at 2000hrs.
7. **Clerk's Report** – The Clerk informed the Committee that she had sent out letters to plot holders who were not maintaining their plots or were in breach of the tenancy agreement. She apologised for the state of the vacant plots and said this would be rectified shortly. Southwood Road only has one plot left for rent. Cllr Benoy informed the meeting that there was second hand chain link fencing for sale, from a fencer, for £4.50 a metre. *If anyone was interested, to contact the Clerk.*
8. **Open session for questions from the public** –
 - a) A member of the public informed the Committee that more than one tenant was obstructing the pathways, by fencing them in. Clerk informed them that she knew of one tenant, who she had written to. *Cllr Benoy and Clerk to make a further site visit.*
 - b) A member of the public informed the Committee that he had fixed the five bar gate at Southwood Road.
 - c) A further member of the public asked if there would be a communal BBQ at Southwood Road this summer. *Clerk to email all plot holders for their thoughts.*

The Meeting closed at 2030 hrs