



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Caroline Parker  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Room 6, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 7.30pm**, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

## Agenda

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013
5. PROVISION OF FENCE TO REMAINDER OF NORTHERN BOUNDARY
  - Confirmation of Costing  
The cost of the palisade fencing is £2,734.87 plus £250 delivery  
Installation is £16 per lm = £1,472 plus £590 to supply and install the gate  
An Allowance of £500 for a grab lorry and digger to clear fence line  
A total of **£5,546.78**
  - Retention of pedestrian gate in the new fence regarding Leigh Site Plots 34 and 35.  
The cost of providing a 2m palisade pedestrian gate is £590 the tenant has offered to pay half of the cost £295. (Appendix 1)
6. TO CONFIRM ALLOTMENT BONFIRE DATES  

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013
7. REVIEW OF DEPOSIT SCHEME AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF ALLOTMENTS TENANCY AGREEMENT
8. TO CONSIDER PROHIBITION OF ACCESS TO SITE DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS
9. TO CONSIDER PROCEDURE FOR VEHICULAR & DISABLED ACCESS DURING ROAD CLOSURES
10. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE
  - a) Marshall Close
  - b) Leigh Allotments (Appendix 2)
  - c) Manchester Drive (Appendix 2)
  - d) Orchard (Appendix 2)
11. BUDGET – Report 2179/Allot (Appendix 3)
12. TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO F&GPC REGARDING ANY EARMARKED RESERVES
13. CORRESPONDENCE



Paul Beckerson  
Town Clerk  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting.**

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11/3/2013

DEAR MR PAUL BECKERSON

I AM WRITING TO YOU AND THE CHAIR OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE REGARDING THE NEW FENCING THE LOCATION OF A GATE ON OUR PLOTS OF WHICH I AM UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE OTHER ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ARE NOT TO HAPPY WITH. WE FIRST FELT IT WAS A FUNDING ISSUE, BUT NOW IT SEEMS TO GO DEEPER THAN THAT.

THE REASON FOR ME NOT BEING HAPPY WITH THE SITUATION IS THAT A LOT OF TIME <sup>AND</sup> EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN PUT INTO GETTING THE 2 PLOTS TIDY FROM THEIR ORIGINAL STATE, BUT HONESTLY THESE PLOTS WERE VERY BADLY OVERGROWN A HAVEN FOR FLY TIPPED AND DRUG ADDICTS.

THIS BEING AT THE BACK OF OUR PROPERTY, WE DECIDED TO APPROACH LEIGH TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER. WHO TOLD US THAT WE CAN USE THESE PLOTS FOR ALLOTMENTS WITH A YEARS FREE RENT AS LONG AS WE CLEAN THEM UP. MAKE THEM SECURE WITH NEW FENCE + HEDGING AND THE GATE WHICH HAS BEEN THERE FOR OVER 20 YEARS, REPLACE WITH A BETTER ONE. WE TRANSFORMED THIS SITE INTO SOMETHING I CAN ONLY CALL BEAUTIFUL. RESIDENCE LIVING IN THIS PART OF BLENDHEIM CHASE TELL US HOW IT HAS IMPROVED THE AREA. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY IT IS BENEFICIAL TO HAVE A GATE AT THE TOP END.

WE DID POINT OUT TO YOU THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET HALF THE COST OF THE NEW GATE TO ALLOW IMPROVED SECURITY. SO I WOULD APPEAL TO THE COMMITTEE TO GIVE THIS CASE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

yours  
T. Lengden

# MARSHALL CLOSE ALLOTMENTS

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## MDAS REPORT

The car-park is still under water and so are the surrounding plots. We have cleared the scrub and rubbish from just inside the gate and dug over the ground and cleared the rubbish just outside the gate. When it gets a little warmer we will put some grass seed down. This will make the entrance into the allotments more pleasing. We have pruned the tree at the top of the site with the approval of LTC. We are dealing with the numbers on each plot. Hopefully each plot should be numbered during the season. Basically we are looking forward to some drier warmer weather so that we can make a real start on the allotments.

Ashley Hitchcock  
Chairman M.D.A.S  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## LEIGH ALLOTMENTS REPORT

I am pleased to report that the 3rd Potato Day was a great success, including 40Kg of onion sets sold. The Greenhouse is now open every Sunday for breakfast between 11am & 2pm. We have also had our 1st function of the year, a chilli & mulled wine event which was a great success. I am pleased that 8 vacant plots have now been let. The top parts of the tracks are unfortunately still unusable for motor vehicles, & most plots are still very boggy with standing water, although some plot holders are making a valiant attempt to cultivate.

Alan Ashdown  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## ***LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP***

### **Orchard Report, March 2013**

This time last week I was ready to produce a really optimistic report as the lack of significant rain for the previous few weeks had finally allowed the standing water on the allotment to disappear and the ground was almost workable. That all went by the board after we had one and a quarter inches of rain last Friday, not to mention yesterday's snow, so although I have not been to the orchard this week, judging by the amount of water on the MDAS allotments we are almost certainly flooded again.

In spite of the conditions, most of the trees are starting to show signs of awakening so we can only hope for some reasonable weather in the next few weeks.

The pear tree that we had been waiting for arrived two weeks ago and was planted straight away using some imported soil to dilute the soggy stuff on the orchard. That completes our collection of all Essex pear trees currently available.

The next orchard newsletter is in preparation which will include a call-in for a work party to be held at the beginning of April to give the trees their annual input of fertiliser. Then we wait for the hoped for explosion of apple and pear blossom from late April to early May.

David Hammond  
12 March 2013

Heading	2011/12 B/F	Income	Income to Date	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Commitments	Balance	% Spent
Rents								
Manchester Drive		7,776	7205.41				570.59	92.66
Leigh		3,916	3487.50				428.5	89.06
Marshall Close		410	323.50				86.5	78.90
Grants			0.00					
MDAS Commission				690				
Affiliations				0	55.00		-55.00	
Plot clearance				40	0.00		40.00	
Rubbish clearance				650	185.32		464.68	28.51
Equipment				500	0.00		500.00	0.00
Water Rates				3,860	2,229.53		1,630.47	57.76
Staff Costs				12,369	8,012.18		4,356.82	64.78
Protective Clothing				0	49.99		-49.99	
Maintenance				1,810	1,656.30		153.70	91.51
Miscellaneous				150	8.00		142.00	5.33
Training				100	0.00		100.00	0.00
Vehicle				750	543.95		206.05	72.53
ASAs LA					50.00			
Capital improvements*				2,500	640.00		1,860.00	25.60
Keys			100.00	0	232.94		-232.94	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12,102</b>	<b>11116.41</b>	<b>23,419</b>	<b>13663.21</b>		<b>8,770</b>	<b>58.34</b>
Nett cost (exp - inc)		11,317			2546.8			