



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Geoff Crawford and Pat Holden;  
Allotment representatives: Ron Bates, David Hammond, Andrew Lewin, Anne Scobie, Martin Scott (from Min 21)

In attendance: Cllr Donald Fraser, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Alan and Barbara Ashdown, Tony and Carole Wilson

### *The meeting opened at 7.31pm*

#### 16. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and with the meeting's agreement deferred item 6 on the agenda until the MDAS representative arrived.

#### 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jerry Holden, Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker and Patsy Ryan

#### 18. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence each declared a personal interest as plot holders on the Manchester Drive site.

#### 19. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 20. THE KEEPING OF HEN AND RABBITS - Section 12 of the Allotments Act 1950 (Cllr Mark Bromfield)

A discussion took place on this section of the act and how this affected Council policy. Some members remembered that this had come up before and that Hens were not allowed.

It was **RESOLVED** that previous minutes are checked and consult with SBC if they had a Bye-Law that dealt with this issue.

#### 21. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Marshall Close

It was agreed that when 'Curtail' was being used on plots that adjoining plots should be notified of its use. Allotment holders were clearing overhanging vegetation; there was difficulty in disposing of the trimmings. It was agreed that cover should be provided to enable them to dry and then they should be burned.

Leigh Allotments

The LAS requested match funding of £200 towards some 'scalping's' for laying on the tracks.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide £200 from the Improvements Budget towards this project.

The committee **RESOLVED** to obtain costings for installing stopcocks on lateral pipe runs on the Leigh Site as well as a manhole cover for the existing stopcock pit.

LAS would look into erecting a fence panel on either side of the gate if any were available in the lock-up.

It was **RESOLVED** to obtain an estimate for installing further fencing on the northern perimeter. The budget of £2,300 determining how much could be done this financial year.

David Hammond reported that the orchard crop yield this year would be very low, but the non Essex varieties would produce bigger crops.

The representatives' reports were **noted**. (Attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda)

## 22. SETTING UP OF WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER CRITERIA FOR DEPOSIT SCHEME

The committee discussed the practicalities of the scheme and **RESOLVED** to set up a Working Party to discuss the issues and put the scheme on hold until they reported back.

The Working Party would consist of:

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence; Alan Ashdown (LAS) and Tony Wilson (MDAS)

The Working Party would report back to the next meeting.

## 23. BUDGET 2012/13

Report 2078/Allot (Attached as Appendix 2 to the agenda) was **noted**.

## 24. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Mark Bromfield corresponded on two issues.

- a. Flooding of Plots. It was agreed that potential plot-holders should be informed that a particular plot could flood. The Societies would list all the plots where this occurred.
- b. There were no posts blocking the track in a southerly direction from Randolph Close or the lower track in a westerly direction from the Anglian Water building. Members debated whether these were necessary, the consensus being that they were not. The Societies would continue to monitor the situation.

***The meeting closed at 8.43pm***