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MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden and John Wren
Allotment representatives: Alan Ashdown (LA), David Hammond (Orchard), Tony Wilson (MDAS),
Ron Bates (MDAS), Anne Scobie (M C)

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Barbara Ashdown, Gerald Brazier and one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

18. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Societies for all their hard work on the three sites especially the volunteers. He emphasised that it was necessary to ensure that reports were submitted to the office for inclusion in the agenda by the Wednesday the week before the meeting. Cllr Mark Bromfield had taken part in a "Fair Share Event" in Tunbridge Wells as part of the Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall programme.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Pat Holden and Caroline Parker

20. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Jerry Holden and Paul Lawrence each declared a non-pecuniary interest as plot holders on the Manchester Drive site and ordinary members of MDAS.

21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings of 17th July 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with an amendment to interests in that Cllr Mark Bromfield was not a member of MDAS.

22. REVIEW OF RENTS 2014/15

Cllr Jerry Holden proposed that there be an increase of 5% seconded Cllr Donald Fraser.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the 5% increase to Council

23. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES

Members considered that the ASA's were working well. The banks of Prittlewell Brook at Marshall Close were suffering erosion and this would need to be monitored. LA had several unmaintained plots; it would be necessary to issue letters from the office; Alan Ashdown to liaise with Helen on this issue. MDAS highlighted aspects of their report and were pleased that the Open Day had been a success.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that up to £70 from the Maintenance Budget be used to provide the Chairman with a HI-Viz Jacket and waterproof leggings. Proposed by Cllr Jerry Holden and seconded by Cllr Donald Fraser.

David Hammond had brought in some apples for members to sample, commenting that it had been a good year, although over the last few days there had been some scrumping.

24. BUDGET – Report 2258/Allot (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

Members **noted** the report. The virement agreed at the last meeting would be reflected in the next report.

25. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm