



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr. Richard Herbert  
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Syrie Cox  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



## MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden and Pat Holden

Allotment representatives: Alan Ashdown (LA), David Hammond (Orchard), Ashley Hitchcock (MDAS), Ron Bates (All until Minute 66)

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Barbara Ashdown

### ***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

#### 56. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### 57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Syrie Cox, Richard Herbert and Anne Scobie (MC)

#### 58. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Jerry Holden, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence each declared a non-pecuniary interest as plot holders on the Manchester Drive site and ordinary members of MDAS and LOSALGA. Cllr Paul Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest as a plot holder at Marshall Close.

#### 59. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with one amendment to Minute 48 added at end 'and that this is retrospective'.

#### 60. MEETING START TIMES – Officer's Report

The Committee **RESOLVED** to leave the start time at 7.30pm

#### 61. RESIGNATION OF CLLR JANE WARD

The Committee **noted** the resignation of Cllr Jane Ward from the Committee.

#### 62. INSTALLATION OF NEW 2m PALISADE GATE ON MARSHALL CLOSE – Officer's Report

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the alternative quotation in the sum of £796 to be taken from the Maintenance Budget.

#### 63. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

The reports were **noted** and that nothing further had been heard from Anglian Water.

#### 64. BUDGET – Report 2466/Allot 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

65. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

66. MOTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC – The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in minute 67 the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw (SO.3(d)) - (Legal Action)

***Start of confidential business***

67. Report 2467/PB – Confidential Appendix 1

There was a proposal to defer consideration of the report, and to seek further advice from the NSALG to decide on a reasoned way forward.

Proposed Cllr Pat Holden; Seconded Cllr Paul Lawrence

An amendment to the proposal was put that any action arising from the advice should be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Jerry Holden; Seconded Cllr Margaret Cotgrove.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the amended proposal.

***End of confidential business***

***The meeting closed at 8.05pm***