

Allotments Committee

2 Sept 2010, 09.30h

Present	Councillors	S Walford D Hills J Turner	Chairman substitute
		T Barton F Shortt M Wing	
		Julia Warren Press Public	Clerk to Council 0 1

1322-10 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Turner for her late arrival.

1321-10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

1322-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Turner advised that she rented an allotment plot on Glebe Field

1323-10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2010 were approved.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2010 as a true and fair record, and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

1324-10 BUDGET REVIEW

Members reviewed the budget report noting that bulk of expenditure to date was for water.

Recommended To note the report

1325-10 REQUESTS

Complaints had been received regarding the health of chickens on Folly allotments, a number of photographs of pecked chickens had been provided and these were circulated for those who had not previously viewed them or visited the site. The tenant had been advised. The

Clerk was asked to advise the tenant that the dark chicken, a Moran, was a somewhat fierce breed and should be segregated from her companions as there was not the option to increase their space dramatically.

A request had been received from the tenant of Glebe south grazing field to build a straw store adjacent to and north of the shed used for storing hay. Since taking on the tenancy permission had been given for a tool shed (currently used for hay storage) and a double pony shelter/stable. Councillors considered the number of buildings and storage capacity and expressed unease particularly in respect of the arson risk of large amounts of hay or straw being stored close to housing. They were also concerned about large investment in temporary buildings for an 11 month tenure. Following much discussion it was agreed that the request for a straw shed would not be granted and the tenant advised to store the hay and straw in the existing shed.

It was noted that no progress had been made on cultivating Plot 6 at Folly following the July meeting. A subsequent letter had therefore been sent confirming that the tenancy would be terminated, which had resulted in a letter requesting reconsideration. Members were sympathetic to the current health problems of the tenant but noted that there had been little or poor cultivation over a period of years and with this record in mind Members upheld their decision and agreed that Plot 6 be split as two and reallocated from 1 October 2010.

Members noted that the garden shrubs and bushes at Folly allotments had or would soon be removed as previously requested.

The tenant of Plot 45 Glebe had downsized to 5 poles.

A request for a paving with bamboos screen and greenhouse had been received from Plot 2 Glebe. The tenant had apologised for being unaware that permission should be sought prior to work. Members considered the screen out of place and inappropriate. It had been installed to form a barrier to the ivy in the adjacent hedge. This was to be refurbished in the autumn, the tenant was to be asked to remove the fence but could trim any ivy encroaching the allotment. Approval was granted for the greenhouse which could be stood on the non permanent base to include a 1 foot border around its edge. Excess paving should be removed.

The Folly Fields Residents Association had requested permission to hold a bonfire on the allotments on 5 November. This was approved as in 2009 subject to appropriate insurance, risk assessment and permission of allotment plot tenant. It was understood to be a fun community event.

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| Recommended | 1 | To note the reports. |
| | 2 | To note the concerns over chickens and advise the tenant to separate the Moran. |
| | 3 | Not to permit an additional shed for straw storage on Glebe South grazing |

- field.**
- 4 To reallocate Plot 6 Folly Fields as two 5 pole plots from 1 October 2010.**
 - 5 To permit a greenhouse on a non permanent slab base with 1' border on Glebe 2, but ask that the bamboo screen be removed. Any iterant ivy could be pruned back by the tenant.**
 - 6 To permit the Folly Field Residents' Association request for a bonfire party subject to the Clerk receiving a copy of insurance and risk assessment forms**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.30h.

Dated this day of 2010
Chairman