

Allotments Committee

24 June 2011, 18.30h

Present	Councillors	J Shardlow G Clark T Reason	Chairman
		M Cheale R Strachan	Folly Rep Glebe Rep
		Julia Warren Press Public	Clerk 0 0

1976 -11 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Woodhams (personal reasons), Mr Copland and Mr Wade (Allotments Field Reps).

1977-11 Questions from the Public

None

1978-11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Shardlow declared a personal interest and advised that she rented an allotment plot on Hitchens Field

1979-11 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Reason, seconded by Councillor Shardlow and agreed proposed Councillor Clark as Vice Chairman

Resolved That Councillor Clark be elected Vice Chairman of the Allotments Committee

1980-11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2011 were approved.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2011 as a true and fair record, and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

1981-11 Site visit including consideration of requests and allotment representatives' reports. This visit will enable consideration of possible amendments to current regulations for approval and adoption and/or discussion at the next meeting.

The Village Day allotments stall was discussed. Councillor Shardlow would supply a table and gazebo and agreed to collect the stands from

Mr Barton who had previously run the stall but would not be available in 2011, Mr Strachan was generally free and would coordinate the stall. Mrs Cheale would assist for a period.

Reports had been submitted and circulated for Baxendale, Folly and Glebe Fields. Site visits had previously been made to both Baxendale and Folly fields and inspections undertaken. This meeting began with a visit to Glebe Field. Plots were assessed for both Village Day prize giving, general tidiness and cultivation and within the context of the allotment rules. An assessment was made of the varying structures on the allotments and particular attention was paid to livestock. Members considered the tenancy of Plot 6 Glebe Field. At Minute 1832-11 it had been agreed that the tenant on 6 Glebe would be on a three month probationary period with the annual rent for the lease of the plot 2011/12 suspended until the end of June 2011 when the inspection of the plot took place. The plot was barely cultivated. It was agreed that the tenant be asked to leave immediately and the plot be reallocated.

The site visit was postponed at 19.50 because of heavy rain. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the meeting be reconvened at earliest opportunity.

The draft rules for allotment poultry keeping were considered and with the amendment of the limit on turkeys to be two and that electric fencing was permissible only in exceptional circumstances was with written permission of Council they were recommended for approval and adoption by Council..

- Recommendation:**
- 1 Mr Strachan to coordinate and organise Allotments Village Day stall**
 - 2 Draft poultry keeping rules to be recommended for approval and adoption**
 - 3 Tenant of plot 6 Glebe Field to have terminated with immediate effect as notified at minute 1832-11 following the 3 month probationary period**

The Chairman declared the meeting temporarily closed at 20.15 on 24 June to be reconvened at the earliest opportunity.

Dated this day of 2011
Chairman