

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held on **Tuesday 24 April 2018** at **7.45pm** in the Parish Office

**Present:**

Councillors Ms Gierth (Chair), Fitzwilliams, Ms Healy, Ms Thorin and Towle

**In attendance:**

Jason Mawer - Parish Clerk

**E228. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence due.

**E229. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

No declarations of interest were made or dispensations requested.

**E230. Minutes of the meeting of 27 February 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 were circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Ms Healy, seconded by Cllr Fitzwilliams and APPROVED by members present.

**E231. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Cllr Fitzwilliams mentioned the condition of the noticeboard at Frost Folly. The Clerk advised members that a new noticeboard was being supplied by Harrow Estates and would be installed along with other works at the car park.

**E232. Allotment update**

Members discussed the latest update on the Quelm Allotments.

Members noted that work was progressing with the land transfer from Bracknell Forest Council. Members reviewed the agreement and made suggestions as to how it could be improved

The draft tenancy and rules were reviewed and agreed by members.

Members reviewed the plot sizes proposed and agreed that half plots, quarter plots and one/eighth plots would be offered. The Clerk indicated that site should be split 20%/40%/40% respectively. Members agreed.

The Clerk circulated the proposed rents for plots to members and discussed the rationale behind them. As had previously been discussed discounts would be offered for the first two years to ploholders due to the establishment work that was

required. It was agreed that the discount would be 90% for year 1 and 50% in year 2, with full rent due from year 3. Rent would be due in 1 April. The Clerk explained that it was important to establish with ploholders at the time of signing up the total rent they could expect to pay before any discount was applied, so there were no surprised in year 3. Members agreed with this principle.

It was agreed by members that the rents should be set as:

|              | Year 1          |                | Year 2          |                | Year 3          |                |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|              | Before discount | After discount | Before discount | After discount | Before discount | After discount |
| Half plot    | £68.75          | £6.88          | £68.75          | £34.37         | £68.75          | -              |
| Quarter plot | £55.00          | £5.50          | £55.00          | £27.50         | £55.00          | -              |
| 1/8 plot     | £41.25          | £4.21          | £41.25          | £20.62         | £20.62          | -              |

### **E233. Events**

Members discussed the upcoming Take & Grow event at Whitegrove Community Centre on 29 April. The event was coming together and the seedlings at the Landshare were growing well. The Clerk would arrange for an updated plan to be circulated to members attending.

Members discussed the arrangements for the gardening competition. The Clerk had circulated proposals and members agreed that the competition should be led by members proposing gardens as well as nominations from the public. The Clerk would arrange for a supply of cards for members to pop through letterboxes of gardens they were nominating, asking householders to contact the Parish Office. The gardening competition would be launched at the Take & Grow event.

Arrangements for the Winfield & Warfield Family Cycle Ride were continuing.

### **E234. Items for Information**

The Clerk advised members that Harrow Estates had offered the parish a new noticeboard for Frost Folly.

### **E235. Representatives Reports**

Cllr Ms Gierth asked about what the council could do to promote hedgehogs. It was agreed that hedgehogs would feature as part of the stand at the Village Fete in June. The Clerk would at other ways the council could promote hedgehog awareness.

The Clerk would look at dates for the 2019 Take & Grow event.

**E236. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 7.45pm on Tuesday 3 July 2018.

**E237. Closure of the meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm