

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL****ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Committee in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 27 February 2008.

Present: Cllr C Wring (Chairman) in the Chair Cllrs C Arnold, A Cotton, C Hall, D Jones, McNeill, J Middleton

Tenants Reps: Mr D Beynon-WA, W Rowlinson-ML, Mr K Santo-ML

Apologies: Mrs L Knott-CH (holiday)

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS Mr Chris Egner, tenant of 121a Church Hill Site requested permission to remove the large tree at the top of his garden, the roots of which are causing problems in cultivation and leeching water and goodness from the soil. Mr Egner assured the committee that he has previous experience of lopping trees and has all the necessary equipment. The Chairman thanked Mr Egner for his attendance and confirmed that, although they did not wish to destroy the tree, the problems were understood and they would carefully consider his request and advise him of their decision.

AL/08/01 MINUTES of the Allotments Committee meetings held on 10 October and 15 December 2007 were APPROVED as a TRUE RECORD and SIGNED by the Chairman

AL/08/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

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<b>PART 2 ITEMS – ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER THEIR DELEGATED POWERS</b>		
AL/08/03	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
03.1	REPORT - was provided (attached as appendix A) and was noted.	
03.2	INVESTMENTS - Cllr Hall to report at the next meeting.	2. Cllr Hall
03.3	RENTS SURVEY –the Allotments Clerk reported a telephone survey showed allotment rents in nearby local towns are broadly in line with those in Clevedon.	3. Noted
03.4	WISH LIST – improvements requested included a compost toilet, tank for ML41 tap and more substantial spine paths on Moor Lane.	
03.5	NON PAYMENT OF RENT (ARR1) – HA59 - as first reminder has been ignored it was <b>RESOLVED:</b> To send ARR2. and terminate the tenancy if not paid within ten days.	5.Allot Clerk
AL/08/04	<u>CEMETERY WALL – AL/07/76.6</u>	
04.1	BOUNDARY WALL WITH CEMETERY – Despite concern at the dangerous condition of this wall, NSC refused a request for repairs, quoting a critical lack of funding. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Hall to pursue the matter at North Somerset Council.	Cllr Hall
04.2	FRONT WALL & GATE – the committee were pleased with new gate configuration but concerned that the repairs to the wall ends had not yet been done.	Clerk
AL/08/05	<u>BEST GARDEN AWARDS 2008</u> - Members agreed the dates for judging as: 1 <sup>st</sup> Judging – 23-25 May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judging – 25-27 July Chairman’s Judging – 1-3 August	Forms - Allot Clerk, Judging -Cllrs
AL/08/06	<u>ANNUAL TENANTS’ MEETING</u> The speaker at the 2008 meeting to be decided at April meeting, suggestions put forward were J Flannaghan (NSC Tree Officer), Fred Quinney (coppicing & sparrow hawks), Chris Webber (NSC).	Next agenda
AL/08/07	<u>BOUNDARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – AL/07/84</u> Document not attached to agenda Members to be provided with a list of the dates the site contract work will be carried out. Consideration to be given to contacting Site & Tenants’ Reps by email when feasible.	Allot Clerk
AL/08/08	<u>CHURCH HILL SITE</u> – arising from site meeting held on 27 February 2008.	
08.1	<u>CH131,132 &amp; 133</u> – the land adjacent to the south boundary kept for fence works; 3 x 2.5 perch (63 sq.m) were inspected. With the newly cleared land at the rear boundary, it was <b>RESOLVED:</b> 1. Make 3 x 2.5perch (approx) gardens & 1 larger garden to the boundary 2. To remove trees along the south boundary. 3. K Santo asked to quote for layout and preparing gardens for tenants. 4. Chmn & Vice Chmn are authorised to approve quote.	1.2.K Santo 1.3.K Santo 1.4.Chmn/VC
08.2	<u>SOUTH NOTICE BOARD</u> - Members were pleased with the new notice board.	
08.3	<u>REMARKING OF PATHWAYS &amp; PLOT BOUNDARIES</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Chairman, Vice Chairman, Site & Tenant Reps; mark path & plot boundaries	3.Chmn/VC & Site Reps
08.4	<u>NORTH TAP</u> – having previously decided to move the tap to the middle of the site it was <b>RESOLVED:</b> 1. To authorise the Chmn & Vice Chmn to decide taps new position. 2. K Santo asked to quote to re-site tap including laying new pipework 3. Chmn & Vice-Chmn are authorised to approve quote.	4.1Chmn/VC 4.2 K Santo 4.3 Chmn/VC
08.5	<u>CLEARANCE WORKS</u> – in view of the amount of glass on the car park area and scrub & rubbish still needing clearing along the rear boundary, it was <b>RESOLVED:</b> 1. To approach the Brandon Trust (see AL/08/09) to ask if this was the kind of job they are prepared to do ie clearing the car park and the	5.1 Allot Clerk

