

COOKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cookhill Parish Land meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7pm at Cookhill Village Hall.

Present: Councillors R Pinfield (Chairman), M Churchill, V Gupta, Cllr Sumner, District Councillor Wilkinson

In Attendance: Chairman of the Allotment Association
Vice-Chairman of the Allotment Association
Clerk Kerry Johnson

The Chairman asked the members of the public if there were any items that they were concerned with on the agenda and if they wished to comment before the meeting officially opened but he would also close the meeting for public discussion if necessary.

L15.020 Apologies. Cllr T Bennett

L15.021 Declaration of Interest

- a) Register of Interests. Members were reminded of the need to update their Register entry.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: None
- c) Other Disclosable Interests: As an allotment tenant, Cllr Churchill expressed an interest in all matters relating to allotments and took no part in any associated votes.

L15.022 General matters relating to Cookhill Parish Council Allotments

- a) **Report from Clerk:** new tenancy agreements, which consolidates all the obligations in one document, has been sent out to all tenants with 2015 invoices. The majority of the annual fees have been paid. The Chairman and Councillors have carried out an inspection and are pleased with how good the site is looking.
- b) **Report from Allotment Association Chairman:** David Claydon reported
 1. There is one vacant plot still available
 2. The site is the best it has been. This extra level has been reached in part due to new equipment funded by the Big Lottery fund. March, April and May have been busy months for the machinery as tenants have been preparing for the growing season.
 3. The new container has been moved to its new position at the centre of the site now that the grass has dried out enough for it to be moved.
 4. As the external boundary of the site has rabbit proof fencing, the process of removing the fencing within the site and around individual plots is underway where possible. This makes it easier to trim areas, adding to the overall tidier appearance.
 5. Tenants are being encouraged to compost material as they go along to avoid big build ups that need clearing in the Autumn.
 6. The exposed water pipe in the field at the rear of Ridgeway Meadows is still a growing concern. It is at risk of being accidentally cut when the field is ploughed or freezing and bursting if it is not fixed by the Winter. The Clerk is to continue chasing up Rooftop Housing to get this fixed.
- c) **Lottery funding update:** The £8,000 Big Lottery Fund awarded the Cookhill Allotment Association has now been spent with the exception of £32.00. All receipts and records will soon be submitted with a report to the fund to show how it has been spent. The remaining £32.00 has been allocated to screening the container. An initial idea is to paint it with a landscape scene.
- d) **To consider** plans for hiring a skip/petrol shredder in September. If tenants compost as they go along there won't be a need for large skip in the Autumn, but a small skip for other items may be required. The Allotment Association has decided that it is not necessary to purchase a shredder but would like to hire a shredder for a few weeks a year. A decision on what will be required will be made at the end of the summer and put before the Parish Council at the next land meeting.
- e) **To consider** replacing the field gate and posts at the side of Ridgeway Meadows. **It was resolved to approve** the quote for £120 plus VAT to replace the gate.

- f) **To consider** purchasing and storing fire extinguishers at the Allotment (approx. £25 per extinguisher). **It was resolved to purchase** a CO2 extinguisher and a foam extinguisher. The Allotment Association must follow safety guidelines as to the storage of the extinguishers and to ensure that machines are not filled with petrol while in the container.

L15.023 General matters relating to Cookhill Parish Owned fields – nothing to report.

L15.024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next site inspection will take place on Sunday 6th September 2015 and the next Land Meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September 2015 and t

The meeting closed at 19.35

Signed Chairman

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