

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2010, AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)
and Councillors Allen, Gates, Turnbull and Wilkinson

The Members held a minute's silence for Councillor Rodgers who had recently died.

AII. 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

AII. 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

AII. 3 BROOMPARK - PLOT NUMBER 9

The previous tenant of plot number 9 had refused to pay for the removal of harris fencing which had been left on the allotment. The Parish Council had paid for the removal following the tenant's failure to do so.

RESOLVED: To write to the previous tenant requesting he re-imburse the Council as soon as possible.

AII. 4 COMMERCIAL STREET

The Clerk updated the meeting on the issues on plot number 9. The allotment had been sublet to someone who had erected a fighting pit which was being used by large numbers of people ultimately causing noise and nuisance to neighbouring tenants and residents. After communication with the Police the perpetrator had been told to remove the construction. The tenant had given up the plot and a letter was sent to the sub-tenant requesting that he remove all structures and any livestock by 31st May 2010.

RESOLVED: To make an inspection of the allotment and arrange for it to be cleared, fenced at boundary and re-let.

AII. 5 LOW BROWNEY

The Clerk informed the meeting that the probation service had been employed to tidy plot number 21a.

RESOLVED: To take for information and to inspect allotment to ensure tenant is keeping it tidy.

All. 6 **BLACK ROAD**

The Parish Council had arranged for the Youth Offending Service to clear the remains of a burnt out shed on plot number 15. A skip had been provided and permission received from Tesco to site skip in car park.

RESOLVED: To take for information and to investigate whether part of car park had been retained for public use.

All. 7 **ALDER PARK**

Plot numbers 12, 14, half of 15, 18 and 20 had now been rotovated. All plots were now occupied. A report had been received that 2 tenants had been lighting fires. Letters had been sent to these tenants.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

All. 8 **COCKHOUSE LANE**

The tenant of plot number 2 had requested a skip.

RESOLVED: To provide a skip but to inform all tenants.

All. 9 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Cockhouse Lane

Plot 3b has recently been offered out. Prospective tenant keen to take it but there has been some fly tipping on plot.

RESOLVED: Inform tenant that a skip will be on site in the next couple of weeks so to take advantage of that.

Councillor Gates expressed concern about erection of high boarding around neighbouring plot.

RESOLVED: To make a site visit.

b) High Browney

Councillor Akins reported that he had been approached regarding plot number 4, there appears to be some confusion over tenancy.

RESOLVED: To verify who is the actual tenant of the allotment.

c) Langley Grove

Councillor Allen reported that he had been approached by a tenant of the grazing land at Langley Grove enquiring if some of the allotment plots next to his grazing could be used for grazing.

RESOLVED: To write to the tenant explaining that at the present time due to waiting lists, it was not the Parish Council's policy to turn allotments into grazing land.