

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM, DH7 8JJ
ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Jamieson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Elmer, Sims and Turnbull

All. 34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grantham and Mrs Catterson.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 36 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS JUNE 2023 – MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the following meetings:

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| Tuesday 6 th June 2023 | 10am |
| Tuesday 5 th September 2023 | 10am |
| Tuesday 5 th December 2023 | 10am |
| Tuesday 5 th March 2024 | 10am |

All. 37 NATIONAL ALLOTMENT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Ratification is required for the payment of the membership fees. The NAS offer advice on matters such as policies & procedures and agreements, as well as any other issues or concerns its members may have.

RESOLVED: To recommend ratification for the payment of the membership fees.

All. 38 COCKHOUSE LANE – GARAGE 001 – PERMISSION FOR STORAGE CONTAINER

The above item had been discussed at the December Allotment Committee meeting and it was recommended contacting the tenant and enquiring what items will be stored in the container.

RESOLVED: To recommend that a meeting is arranged with the tenant and the Ward Members to discuss the request.

All. 39 **BROOMPARK – EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FENCE**

Following strong winds which blew down a fence at Broompark allotment site, plot number 6. Emergency repairs were carried out to repair the fence i.e. four fence posts were replaced. The Clerk authorised the work to be carried out.

RESOLVED: To recommend ratification of the fence repair at Broompark allotment site.

All. 40 **LOW BROWNEY – PLOT NO 43 - PORTACABIN**

A letter has been sent to the tenant on plot number 43, regarding a portacabin that had been placed on the plot. The tenant notified the Parish Council that items had been stolen from this plot and the portacabin was being used to house tools as they were more secure in the portacabin.

RESOLVED: To recommend obtaining the size of the portacabin and to ask the tenant to remove the portacabin if the Parish Council require.

All. 41 **ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT A MEMBER WISHES TO DISCUSS**

a) **Low Browney**

Vehicles are driving over and parking on the grassed area, causing the grassed area to become very muddy and wet. Tenants are upsetting residents when residents are asking them to remove their vehicles.

RESOLVED: To recommend sending a letter to all of the tenants reminding them that where possible they access the site on foot and use vehicle access for drop off purposes only.

b) **Hamilton Row**

Plot number 001 where the garage is situated is very overgrown and has not been cultivated.

RESOLVED: To recommend finding out if the rent for this year has been paid and who is paying for the plot.

The meeting closed at 10.45am

Signed *J Hamilton*

Date *17.3.23*