

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA ZOOM
ON TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2021, AT 7PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Catterson, Grantham, Jamieson, Sims and Turnbull

All. 34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

All. 36 AVIAN BIRD FLU

The Allotments Officer informed the Members that information regarding Avian Bird Flu and the latest updates had been displayed on the applicable allotment site notice boards, shared on the Official Parish Council Facebook page and website.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

:To recommend that the Allotments Officer keeps up to date with the most recent information and acts accordingly.

All. 37 ALLOTMENT EXPENSES

The Allotments Officer presented the Members with a breakdown of allotment expenditure documents, including :- A list of allotment site expenses, rent increases throughout recent years, examples of rent charged by other Councils, a pest control price comparison table, water expenditure spreadsheet and an allotment expenditure spreadsheet for the previous 4 years. Discussion took place as to whether or not a rent increase notification should be given with the invoices in 2022 which would then come into effect in 2023.

RESOLVED: To recommend that a rent increase of £3 be proposed to the Finance Committee for consideration (£42 per full plot for the year 2023).

: Following approval from the Finance Committee, to recommend that the Allotments Officer notifies the tenants of the rent increase via letter, to go out with the 2022 invoices.

:To recommend that the letter includes a brief explanation as to why the rent is increasing, for example increasing costs of skips, water, pest control and fencing.



All. 38 ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS

The Allotments Officer presented the Members with 5 new agreements for consideration. Discussion took place regarding the new agreements.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Allotment Officer amends / includes the following items on the agreements:

- Include in all agreements information and advice regarding fires.
- Number 7. Cultivation – Remove percentages and replace with ‘the majority’
- Number 9. Animals and livestock:-
 - No Geese are permitted on any sites
 - Ducks are permittedCockerels are permitted on the following sites:
 - Hamilton Row
 - Cockhouse Lane
 - Empire Field
 - Folds Close

(The Parish Council reserves the right to request removal of any animal if complaints are received)

- Number 13. Use of chemical spray or fertilisers – To include request for tenants to use Eco friendly weed killer when possible.
- Number 17. Water – To highlight information regarding not adding any additional taps or water pipes.
- Number 22. Disposal or rubbish and reuse materials – To include 1 skip only per site per year is permitted.
- Low Meadowfield – To include information regarding parking i.e tenants should park responsibly due to access via a private road and to be considerate of residents.

: To recommend that the Allotment Officer presents the amended agreements to the Members at the next Allotment Committee meeting in December for recommendation, to be approved at the December Parish Council meeting.

: To recommend that following approval of the new agreements, they be posted out with the invoices in January 2022.

The meeting closed at 8pm



Signed17/12/21.....

Date