



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the November 1st 2024 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

held at Ripley Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT

In Attendance:

Cllrs: L Cox (Chair), C. Bailey and S. Freeborn.

Jackie Walton (Nuttalls Park), Lorna White (Nuttalls Park), Dianne White (Greenhillocks), Ann Flinn (Greenhillocks), Paul Bird (Pit Lane), Sue Wood (Heage Parkside), Judith Waldron (Heage Parkside), Brian Caulton (Heage Road).

Deputy Town Clerk – Hannah Curzon

AGENDA

011124/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr P Weaving, and Sandham Lane Allotment Association.

011124/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required

011124/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None

011124/4. Public speaking – None

011124/5. To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None

011124/6. Any plots available which can be advertised on the RTC website/ Social media

Each allotment association had previously informed the Deputy Clerk whether they had vacant plots. This information will be added to the Ripley Town Council website.

011124/7. Public Liability Insurance copies and Allotment Information form (circulated to Allotment Associations via email on 30th September 2024).

The Deputy Clerk reported that all the allotment associations, apart from Fearn Avenue Allotment Association.

NOTED

011124/8. Hedge Cutting down public footpath between Fearn Avenue and Pit Top Allotments.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the hedge was cut on 31st October 2024. However, representatives from Nuttalls Park and Pit Lane Allotment Associations said the hedge was still too high (8-10 feet tall) and needs cutting down to 6ft.

ACTION Ripley Town Council discuss this with AA Tree Surgeons and look at cutting it down to this height early in 2025.

011124/9. Site access gates at Fearn Avenue Allotments

A representative from Fearn Avenue Allotment Association reported that they are having new gates installed and asked whether they needed planning permission to do so.

ACTION for Fearn Avenue Allotment Association to investigate the size of the gates they want and liaise with Amber Valley Borough Council regarding whether planning permission is required. The Allotment Association will report back to Ripley Town Council.

011124/10. Mains water at Fearn Avenue Allotments

A representative from Fearn Avenue Allotment Association reported they are looking to come off mains water completely.

ACTION for representatives from Fearn Avenue and Pit Lane Allotment Associations to meet to discuss this, and investigate whether Seven Trent Water can temporarily cut the water supply off as a trial arrangement before they commit

011124/11. Update on groundwork at Greenhillocks Allotments

The Deputy Clerk explained that Greenhillocks Allotment Association had retrospectively asked to take over a plot to use as a car parking area. They had also put hardcore down on the land which wasn't appropriate, which Ripley Town Council asked them to remove. A representative from Greenhillocks Allotment Association said the hardcore has now been removed and they are looking at putting rubber matting to use on the car park.

ACTION for the Ripley Town Council Policy and Management committee to discuss the car park at Greenhillocks Allotment Association and let them know the outcome.

011124/12. Problems at any sites to be discussed.

Greenhillocks Allotment Association asked Ripley Town Council to look into the right of access from Peasehill to the Allotment land, as occasionally access to the site is prohibited by other vehicles parked. They also asked whose responsibility the hedges at the allotments are.

ACTION Ripley Town Council to have signage made for the allotment gate saying, 'Access required at all times' with the RTC logo on. Also, to look into whose responsibility the hedges at Greenhillocks Allotment are.

011124/13. Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 5.29pm.

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm.