



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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The next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** will be held on **Wednesday 25th May 2011 at 67 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 8.00pm**, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

Agenda

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
5. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 27th April and 11th May 2011
6. TO NOMINATE WORKING PARTIES
 - a) **Infrastructure Working Party**, currently Cllrs. Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, one vacancy, plus one representative from each Allotment Society, MDAS and LOSALGA
 - b) **Disputes Working Party**, currently Chairman and Vice Chairman of Allotments Committee with Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council as alternatives in case of unavailability or involvement in the dispute.
 - c) **Open Day Working Party**, currently Cllrs Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence and representatives from Allotment Societies and David Hammond.
7. TO CONSIDER A DATE FOR THE OPEN DAY
8. REPORT FROM BEE HIVE WORKING PARTY – to feed into revised Bee Keeping Policy
9. INSTALLATION OF FENCE – MDAS in Randolph Close – Report 1896/Allot (Appendix 1)
10. FELLING OF OAK TREE MARSHALL CLOSE – Report 1897/RM (Appendix 2)
11. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE
 - a) Marshall Close (Appendix 3)
 - b) Leigh
 - c) Manchester Drive (Appendix 3)
 - d) Orchard (Appendix 3)
12. BUDGET – To be reported to next meeting
13. CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
19th May 2011

Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting.



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Report 1896/TC

MDAS FENCE INSTALLATION

MDAS have purchased second hand 2m Palisade Fencing, enough to fence in the Randolph Close boundary. They have established that planning permission is not needed to install the fence:

Email to Martin Scott

As long as the proposed fence is 2m or more from the highway in Randolph Close and on the site line at the rear of the houses in Blenheim Chase, as described in that email, then I consider it is permitted by Schedule 2 Part 2 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 and would not therefore require a planning application to the Borough Council.

As far as planning is concerned only the metalled part of the road in Randolph Close is considered to be highway.

Please note that any opinion in this email is that of an officer of the Borough Council and will therefore not bind the Council

Susan Kearney
planning technician
development control

The committee is asked to consider two issues:

1. Whether the Council would fund the installation of the fence, this ranges from £2000 (MDAS members clearing the line of the fence of vegetation etc.) to £3500 for the contractor to undertake all the work required.
2. The siting of the fence whether it should follow the line of the existing fence, be sited within the allotment behind the trees or go in front of the trees on the Randolph Close side provided this is still 2m from the highway boundary as per permitted development above.



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Report 1897/RM

Appendix 2 – Allotments Agenda 25th May 2011

Email 17th May 2011

Dear All

I write further to my previous e mail regarding the oak on the bank of the brook at the above site.
I have obtained a quote of £1,200 from Treefella to fell the tree.

It may be possible for me to gain a cheaper quote, but I need a key for the gate, as I would need to arrange to meet our other suitable contractor and can't really take a chance on it being open when we visit.

Kind Regards
Rick Milsom

Leigh Allotments Orchard Group

Report to Leigh Town Council, May 2011

Little to report this month except to say that things are progressing as normal except rather slower than usual due to the exceptionally dry weather we are having. It is difficult to predict the likely crop from our trees so early in the season, but the signs are still looking good.

The main thing to notice on the orchard, apart from the clover which is now in bloom, is the large number of ox-eye daisies currently in flower; in the last year or two they have proliferated greatly from the plants that were originally introduced and they now produce a great show. We now wait for the butterflies which should appear soon, cabbage whites being the only ones so far in evidence.

David Hammond
18 May 2011

REPORT FROM MARSHALL CLOSE, LEIGH ON SEA ALLOTMENTS MAY 2011

- One allotment still remains unworked
- Query over tree in the brook. One tree has been cut up, but remains to block the brook, and has caused compost bins of the nearest allotment to fall in. The tree continues to block the brook, and will cause further problems in the winter, or when the brook fills up after heavy rain.

REPORT FROM MDAS MAY 2011

MDAS asks the following questions to the Committee on behalf of its members:

1. Does the Committee endorse the Opening Remarks of the outgoing Chairman at the April meeting?
2. Does the Committee endorse the letter dated 23rd May 2011 regarding the planning application for the storage container?
3. Will the Committee agree to pay for the installation within the next two months of the security fence to the Randolph Close boundary, at a cost of £2,000?