

# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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The next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011
5. INTRODUCTION TO PC Tracey Holmes and PCSO George Shepard (Neighbourhood Police)
6. ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY WP Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Report 1923/AODWP (Appendix 1)
7. BEE HIVE POLICY – any further feedback
8. PURCHASE OF LONG REACH HEDGE STRIMMER - £179.00 (WPS have confirmed that the tools would be covered providing it is locked up securely in a building or being transported)
9. INSTALLATION OF FENCE – Any further updates
10. MDAS CONTAINER BREAK-IN  

The container was broken into on the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011, both the LTC brush cutter and the hedge trimmer have been stolen. An insurance claim has been submitted for £604, there is an excess of £200.
11. MATERIAL FOR ALLOTMENT ROADS  

That consideration be given to the provision of Tarmac Planings for placement on the tracks. The costs would be 20 ton @ £200 or 10 ton @ £140
12. PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ON MDAS SITE
13. SYPHONING OF WATER BY HOSEPIPES FROM TANKS
14. WATER SUPPLY FOR LEIGH ALLOTMENTS BUILDING
15. MARSHALL CLOSE NOTICE BOARD
16. SHEDS ON MARSHALL CLOSE (Revision of height restriction)
17. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE
  - a) Marshall Close (Appendix 2)
  - b) Leigh (Appendix 2)
  - c) Manchester Drive (Appendix 2)
  - d) Orchard (Appendix 2)
18. BUDGET – Report 1920/Allot (Appendix 3)
19. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011



Paul Beckerson  
Town Clerk  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2011

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



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## Report 1923/AODWP

### Notes from a meeting of the Allotments Open Day Working Party on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 2.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Holden, J Holden, P Lawrence plus David Hammond and Nick Pugh.  
Apologies from Barbara Ashdown.

As Leigh Town Council would not be running the Open Day this year, the working party met to consider how to use the accumulated funds.

It was proposed and seconded that:

All accumulated funds from previous Leigh Council run Allotments Open Days should be used towards replacing the gates and surrounds at the entrance to the Leigh Site in order to improve the security of both allotment sites at Manchester Drive.

The motion was passed unanimously.

(Barbara Ashdown had also indicated that she wished to vote for the motion)

# MARSHALL CLOSE ALLOTMENTS

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## **REPORT TO LEIGH TOWN COUNCIL JULY 2011**

Not much to report other than our oldest plot-holder has decided at 85 to give up one of his plots, and would like to share his remaining one.

Two plots still remaining unworked, with several plot-holders struggling at the moment

Problem over the last few weeks with the gate being left open, and would like to request that a reminder notice is put on the gate.

*Anne Scobie*

### **Leigh Allotment's [ L.A, short for L.O.S.A.L.G.A ] report for the L.T.C Allotment Committee meeting 27 July 2011.**

#### **Beehives**

The report, re; bee keeping, submitted at the L.T.C meeting 22 June 11, was discussed at our last meeting. We could not find any reason, barring one word, which should cause the bee keeping sub-committee such offence!

Please read "LAW" as guide lines.

We have no intention of upsetting the work party or the L.T.C committee. We do, however, see the keeping of bees on both M.D.A and L.A sites as having many benefits. Also being very aware of potential hazards, we would like to work with the sub-committee to ensure that this activity can be carried out in safety to its full potential.

We should like to recommend that M.D.A and L.A each nominate a representative to help the sub-committee.

#### **The Orchard**

The surrounding fence of the orchard is, in some parts, growing out onto paths. There have been complaints, of scratches and cuts needing stitching, affecting neighbouring plot holders. We have not, as yet, seen any evidence of such injuries. But we do need to take these reports seriously as we live in a time when people are encouraged to seek compensation.

John Longhurst  
L.A. representative

### **MDAS Report to LTC Allotments Committee, 27th July 2011**

1. Open Day, Sunday 5th September  
The Leigh Site has decided not to take part in organisation of the event, so MDAS is proceeding alone. A programme of activities and stalls is being finalised by the organising group. Use of LTC gazebos on the day is requested.
2. Southend Council's Allotments Competition  
MDAS has again been awarded the 'Best Society' cup in the borough-wide competition.

## ***LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP***

### **Report to Leigh Town Council, July 2011**

The recent rains have eased the watering requirements on the orchard and probably helped to boost the size of the growing fruits on our trees.

Our two early-fruiting varieties, Discovery and George Cave are developing well and their heavy crops are the best of all the trees this year. Discovery apples should be appearing in some greengrocers and even supermarkets within the next few weeks, marking the start of the English apple season.

In the sunny periods butterflies seem to be doing well on the orchard and a number of our speciality, the Marbled White, have been spotted.

The series of visits by Our Lady of Lourdes Pre-School have now finished and have been judged a great success and they have requested a possible return visit in September.

Other groups from the Leigh Road Baptist Church Pre-School were due to have a couple of sessions there in early July but I have not yet had feedback on those.

David Hammond  
18 July 2011

Heading	2010/11 B/F	Income	Income to Date	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Balance	% Spent
Rents							
Manchester Drive		10,572	1143.00			9429	10.81
Leigh		4,500	35.00			4465	0.78
Marshall Close		440	0.00			440	0.00
MDAS Commission				810			
Affiliations				0	32.85	-32.85	
Plot clearance				500	0.00	500.00	0.00
Rubbish clearance				650	0.00	650.00	0.00
Equipment				500	0.00	500.00	0.00
Water Rates				3,860	1,190.33	2,669.67	30.84
Staff Costs				9,300	3,747.11	5,552.89	40.29
Maintenance				250	198.39	51.61	79.36
Miscellaneous				300	48.00	252.00	16.00
Training				100	0.00	100.00	0.00
Vehicle				750	132.56	617.44	17.67
Open Day Acc Fund	565		0.00	0		565.00	0.00
Capital improvements*	2,000			4,500	110.75	6,389.25	1.70
Keys			35.00	0	40.00	-40	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>15,512</b>	<b>1213.00</b>	<b>21,520</b>	<b>5499.99</b>		<b>25.56</b>
Nett cost (exp - inc)		6,008			4286.99		

Revenue

4,286.99