



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Pat Holden
Vice Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulrone
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

The next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** will be held on **Wednesday 25th January 2012 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 26th October 2011
5. MARSHALL CLOSE – SLIPPAGE OF PRITTLE-BROOK BANK
6. MARSHALL CLOSE – GUIDANCE SIZE FOR SHEDS
7. PERIMETER SECURITY LEIGH SITE
8. TO NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING DATES TO ALTERNATE MONTHS (3rd Wednesday of the month) – Remaining dates for the year 2011/12

21st March 2012 – 16th May 2012
9. WAITING LIST POLICY – It is the policy of the Council to only give plots to residents who reside within the town boundary. It is requested that when there is no waiting list, discretion be given to Officers to allocate plots to residents outside but near to the boundary.
10. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE
 - a) Marshall Close (Appendix 1)
 - b) Leigh (Ron Bates) (Appendix 1)
 - c) Leigh Allotments (Appendix 1)
 - d) Manchester Drive (Appendix 1)
 - e) Orchard (Appendix 1)
11. BUDGET – Report 2002/Allot (Appendix 2)
12. CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
19th January 2012

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

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP

Report to Leigh Town Council, January 2012

Nothing to report this month except to hope for some proper cold weather to help ensure a good crop of fruit this year.

David Hammond
16 January 2012

Report from National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd. - Essex meeting Chelmsford 8th Oct 2011

Items from this that may /do need to be looked at.

-there was a categorical statement that no vehicles should be on plots-health and safety and contamination, parking only where designated and disability plots next to parking areas.

-that there should be no need for bonfires as all rubbish of any nature is responsibility of the plot holder, and disposal thereof theirs. At most 1 day but all else can be composted. both these concerns have lapsed into free fall and need serious debate and consultation /consideration by strategy group.

A separate item altogether is the hedgerows that have at points been encroached upon by various plot holders. This it was agreed was of concern and moves to ensure the wildlife value of the tree and thicket environment that has enabled an extremely varied and important biodiversity to exist on the sites, Roger Payne (our open day insect man) has written stressing the importance of these environments with some new and rare species (correspondence to John Longhurst) perhaps we could revive the idea of an ecology group that could work on this and help rectify and enhance these ancient field boundary hedgerows of our site.

Ron Bates

Report from Leigh Allotments is:

Our Saturday 10th December – Mince Pies and Mulled Wine was a great success. It was good to see so many people at the allotments in Winter!

Leigh Allotments is again working with South Essex Organic Gardeners society on our Potato Day - 25th Feb 2012- Growing Together Gardens, 7 Fairfax Drive

MANCHESTER DRIVE ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

1. I won't be able to make the next Allotments Committee on 25th Jan but our vice chairman, Tony Wilson will stand in for us. Please could you send the agenda etc. to him at awilson482@btinternet.com.
2. I emailed before Christmas re the draft agreement. Meeting arranged for 2nd February 2012
3. We still have a load of rubbish at the top of the site (which is getting scattered in the winds) including the asbestos. Any chance of organising clearance in the near future?

Martin Scott

We purpose to clear the brambles away from the top of the site to recreate the pathway along the top most plots near the new fence to stop encroachment onto the plots. This would still leave a band of brush between the path and the fence. We feel that a minimum of two new water tanks will be necessary to supply the plots at the top.

The paths are holding up well this winter and I hope it will not be necessary to have any closures this year.

We have started re-letting top plots and have three full ones to go. Vivienne sent us some applicants which we will accommodate as we can.

We have decided to have the open day on Sunday the 2nd of September this year, trust this is OK with LTC.

Tony Wilson.

REPORT FROM MARSHALL CLOSE, LEIGH ON SEA ALLOTMENTS

JANUARY 2012

Plots beginning to be worked, with good progress being made, unfortunately the far end of the site is being used by plot holders to dump the waste from their plots, rather than composted on site. Have spoken to Paul Lawrence and a sign is to be put up this week warning of plot holders' responsibilities.

Anne Scobie

Heading	2010/11 B/F	Income	Income to Date	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Commitments	Balance	% Spent
Rents								
Manchester Drive		7,767	7956.47				-189.47	102.44
Leigh		3,864	3320.25				543.75	85.93
Marshall Close		440	322.80				117.2	73.36
Grants			5115.00					
MDAS Commission				689				
Affiliations				0	38.49		-38.49	
Plot clearance				0	55.00		-55.00	
Rubbish clearance				1,150	400.00	400.00	350.00	34.78
Equipment			579.55	500	862.65		216.90	79.91
Water Rates				3,860	3,610.42		-329.97	93.53
Staff Costs				9,300	7,371.01		1,928.99	79.26
Maintenance				250	481.15	20.00	-251.15	192.46
Miscellaneous				300	1,248.00		-948.00	416.00
Training				100	0.00		100.00	0.00
Vehicle				750	579.55		170.45	77.27
Capital improvements*	2,565			2,000	9,705.12		-5,140.12	212.60
Keys			120.00	0	100.00		-100	
Totals		12,071	17414.07	18,899	24451.39			129.38
Nett cost (exp - inc)		6,828			7037.32			

Insurance Claim

Hedging, fencing, roadways etc.

Revenue

2,447.20

Capital*

4,590.12