



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Allotments Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Wednesday 17th July 2013, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at 7.30pm**, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

Agenda

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
- 1A. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 20th March & 8th May 2013
5. TO APPROVE NEW KEY DEPOSIT RATE OF £10 FOR KEYS TO MARSHALL CLOSE
6. TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR BEE FLOWERS £20
7. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS MACHINERY
8. TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF 5MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS APPROX COST £16 EACH
9. RESTRICTION ON PLANTING ADJACENT TO PERIMETER FENCING WITHIN 1M – MANCHESTER DRIVE & LEIGH SITES
10. CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.3M FROM BANK OF BROOK ON MARSHALL CLOSE SITE
11. TO CONSIDER RESTRICTION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF BRAZIERS DUE TO RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS
12. TO APPROVE CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE WORK TO PERIMETER HEDGES AT MARSHALL CLOSE

Contractor A

Price to cut back grass, weeds & pyracantha on west boundary.

To cut back a very large privet hedge & cut down & poison a holly & ash tree stump.

Price to cut & take away rubbish. £400 Plus V.A.T.

Price to cut & leave rubbish in agreed area. £300 Plus V.A.T.

Contractor B

Prune back to boundary overhanging trees and shrubs to East elevation as directed by 'Anne Scobie' and leave on site for disposal by others.

Prune back to boundary overhanging trees and shrubs to West elevation adjacent to entrance as directed and cart away.

Estimated costs for above works inclusive of plant used.....£480.00 not subject to VAT.

13. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SITE REPRESENTATIVES ON ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE

- a) Marshall Close
- b) Leigh Allotments (Appendix 1)
- c) Manchester Drive
- d) Orchard (Appendix 1)

14. BUDGET – Report 2240/Allot (Appendix 2)

15. CORRESPONDENCE



Paul Beckerson
Town Clerk
11th July 2013

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

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS ORCHARD GROUP

Orchard Report, July 2013

In the last orchard report in March we had barely seen the end of the winter rains, and since then we have had hardly seen any significant rain. Worries at that time about the amount of time some of the trees had been under water have gone away and some of the recently planted trees have now been given extra water. None of the trees appear to have suffered from the wet conditions and there was a very successful flowering period with most trees showing large amounts of blossom. It remains to be seen whether that translates to good crops of fruit although some of the trees look to be doing well at present. There are at least one or two apples on the newest Essex variety, Rosie.

A work party was held in April to give the trees their annual input of fertiliser, somewhat later than usual because of the wet conditions.

Since then like everywhere else, the grass has grown extremely strongly, I think to the detriment of some of the wild flowers normally seen, although the ox-eye daisies and cowslips did well as usual. Some of the grass has been cut back to prevent too many seeds from blowing on to adjacent plots. So far, butterflies have been very scarce although this current hot weather should be to their advantage.

For a series of Friday mornings the orchard has entertained groups of children and their teachers from Our Lady of Lourdes Pre-School, and LOSALGA have kindly opened up the Green House to them for refreshments.

David Hammond
8 July 2013

LEIGH ALLOTMENTS

Thanks to all who turned out for our work party, laying scalplings on the tracks. A very successful day!!

Yet another great BBQ at the Greenhouse, Good weather, good food & good company.

Only 8 plots left to let mainly starter plots, although there are some plots that are not being cultivated & improvement letters require sending.

Site maintenance is the big issue at the moment. The tracks require mowing & strimming at least once a week at the moment, and also vacant & untended plots are causing nuisance to other plot holders.

Unfortunately without adequate machinery this has become a major problem.

Sadly I have to report a spate of break-ins to several sheds, although only a minor amount of theft reported so far, ie some gas canisters & and a camera.

Police & LTC have been notified.

Alan Ashdown 11th July 2013

Heading	2012/13 B/F	Income Budget	Income to Date	Expenditure Budget	Spend to Date	Commitments	Balance	% Spent
Rents								
Manchester Drive		7,650	698.41				6951.59	9.13
Leigh		4,180	53.50				4126.5	1.28
Marshall Close		440	20.00				420	4.55
Grants			0.00					
Tenancy Deposits			337.50					
Affiliations				0	0.00		0.00	
Water Rates				4,300	995.20		3,304.80	23.14
Staff Costs				4,274	1,067.74		3,205.88	24.98
Waste Clearance	1,719			0	£0.00		1,719.00	0.00
Maintenance				1,000	45.69		954.31	4.57
Miscellaneous					0.00		0.00	
Training					0.00		0.00	
Hedge Cutting				950	0.00		950.00	0.00
ASA - LA				1,600	800.00		800.00	50.00
ASA - MDAS				3,000	1,500.00		1,500.00	
ASA - MC				500	250.00		250.00	
Capital improvements*	2,750			2,500	5,256.62		-6.62	100.13
Keys			35.00	0	10.00		25.00	
Totals	4,469	12,270	1144.41	18,124	9925.25		12,702.37	54.76
Nett cost (exp - inc)		5,854			8780.84		1,542	

Revenue

-920

2,456.48

Capital*

2,500

5,256.62