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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Patsy Ryan and John Wren;
Allotment representatives: Andrew Lewin, Anne Scobie and Martin Scott.

In attendance: Cllr Richard Herbert, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Alan and Barbara Ashdown, Sheila Brazier

The meeting opened at 8.02pm

62. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He expressed his thanks to MDAS for the clearance work undertaken on the northern boundary. He reminded members of the importance of notifying the office if bonfires were to be lit outside of the designated bonfire weekends.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ron Bates and David Hammond

64. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Jerry Holden, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence each declared a personal interest as plot holders on the Manchester Drive site.

65. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting of 28th September 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

66. COMPOST BIN (SUPERVISION)

The problems of fly tipping and the collection of rubbish around the compost bin were discussed. MDAS were putting a lockable metal cover on it within the next two months and in the meantime would cover it with a plastic cover. This would limit the times when it could be used allowing closer supervision. Additional signage would also be provided reminding tenants that fly tipping could result in their tenancy being terminated.

It was **RESOLVED** that the situation would be reviewed in six months.

67. SIGNAGE FOR FLYTIPPING

It was thought that a letter to residents in Blenheim Chase and Randolph Close might remind residents that fly tipping was a prosecutable offence. The Chairman undertook to raise this at the next meeting of the NAP and to ascertain the best way to deal with it.

68. POLICING ADHERANCE TO ALLOTMENT RULES

Members discussed the powers of Councillors to enforce allotment rules or to take action. The Committee confirmed the present situation whereby Councillors or any other allotment holder could raise matters with a tenant but if the tenant would not listen there was no other recourse than to report the incident to the office who would then take action, usually in writing.

69. POSSIBLE CHANGE OF DATE FOR ALLOTMENT MEETINGS 2012/13

It was **proposed** that the meeting dates are changed to the first Wednesday of the month; LA would consult its members and bring a response to the next meeting.

70. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

LA thanked MDAS for providing them with some of the spare fencing panels.

From the publicity point of view it was agreed that photos of the new fencing and grass cutting in the orchard could be used in future publications and provided to the press.

The representative's reports were **noted**. (Attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda)

71. BUDGET 2011/12

Report 1951/Allot (Attached as Appendix 2 to the agenda) was **noted**.

72. ALLOTMENTS BUDGET 2012/13

The budget as attached was recommended to F&GPC. (Attached as Appendix 3 to the agenda)

73. CORRESPONDANCE

LA was holding a Chilli Night at 5pm on the 29th October all were welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm