



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Paul Lawrence (Chairman), Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden and John Wren;

Allotment representatives: Ron Bates, David Hammond, Andrew Lewin, Anne Scobie and Tony Wilson.

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Alan and Barbara Ashdown, Carol Wilson

### *The meeting opened at 8.02pm*

#### 74. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and commended MDAS for tidying up their communal compost bin and the surrounding area.

#### 75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Geoff Crawford and Patsy Ryan, Martin Scott

#### 76. 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.

#### 77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 78. MARSHALL CLOSE – SLIPPAGE OF HADLEIGH BROOK BANK

The Committee agreed to get advice from South East Essex Community Volunteers (SEECV) who had undertaken the planting of willows on a previous occasion. Ron Bates would forward their contact details.

#### 79. MARSHALL CLOSE - GUIDANCE SIZE FOR SHEDS

After discussing various alternatives the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minimum size should be 6ft x 4ft and that siting and permission was at the discretion of the Council. Permission must always be sought from the Council before any shed is erected.

#### 80. PERIMETER SECURITY LEIGH SITE

The Chairman wished members to consider the options for extending the security fencing in the year 2012/13. The preferred option was to secure the southern boundary in line with police advice. It was **RESOLVED** to approach householders that abutted the site to investigate the possibility of gating the service alleys to east and west of the Leigh site gate.

81. CHANGE OF MEETING DATES TO ALTERNATE MONTHS (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month) –

The next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012, then every alternate month; all reports from Allotment representatives need to be submitted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for inclusion with the agenda and consideration

82. WAITING LIST POLICY

The existing policy would remain that only residents of the Town Council area will be accepted as tenants.

83. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

The report from Ron Bates was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to refer the items on hedgerows, bonfires and car parking to the Infrastructure Working Party.

Tony Wilson raised the issue of fencing around plots and it was **RESOLVED** that this should go to the Infrastructure WP for a policy decision.

MDAS would identify where new tanks were needed for the new plots near the northern boundary.

Asbestos on site - it was *agreed* to distribute maps showing the position of asbestos on the site, to enable representatives to identify if there was any more present before clearance was arranged.

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

84. BUDGET 2011/12

Report 2002/Allot (Attached as Appendix 2 to the agenda) was **noted**. In future such reports will identify specific funding from Reserves.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

***The meeting closed at 9.10pm***