

ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL, ADDINGHAM ON TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM

Present

Cllrs: D Brady, T Brady, Wilcox, Sutcliffe, Smith and Flesher

Absent

Cllrs: Hindle and Tennant

In Attendance

Parish Clerk – S Lloyd

Members of the Public – 4

Lengthsman – R Mulligan

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chair, Cllr Sutcliffe took the Chair

53/21 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Hindle and Tennant; reasons for absences approved.

54/21 Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct, Members were invited to disclose any additional interests (not already listed in the Register of Interests), and to note in the Declarations of Interests Book any previously disclosed interests, relevant to the business of the meeting.

Relevant interests noted:

Cllr Smith – Agenda item 5 (Allotments) –Plot holder. Dispensation granted.

Cllr T Brady – Agenda item 5 (Allotments) – Contractor

Cllr Flesher – Agenda item 5 (Allotments) and item 7 (Bowling club) - contractor

55/21 Public Consultation and Question Time

No matters were raised by members of the public present at the meeting.

56/21 Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021, having been taken as read, be approved and signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Sutcliffe.

57/21 Allotments

A verbal report was received from representatives from Lower stamp Hill and Silden Road sites. Feedback on current issues was also received in advance of the meeting from representatives from Newtown and Stamp Hill. Council considered the concerns of plot holders and after discussion it was

Resolved(1): That correspondence be sent to all plot holders at the year end, together with the annual invoice, giving information on the recommended management of Marestail. Plot holders will also be reminded to be vigilant regarding food waste and composting regimes to deter rats and mice.

Resolved(2): That the list of Maintenance tasks to be published monthly on the website.

The Clerk was asked to make the lawnmower available to plot holders who wish to mow the shared paths. A Communication regarding access and use will follow to Site representatives.

Consideration was given to reports of widespread rat infestation and a request from a plot holder to shoot vermin on the allotment site. It was

Resolved(3): That the Clerk responds to the plot holder, refusing the request to use firearms on the Council owned sites.

Resolved(4): That the Clerk takes professional advice on the extent of the problem and presents costings and options for treatment at the next meeting.

The Clerk provided a report and photographs of the 4 vacant plots that require remedial works prior to re-letting. A timetable of work was discussed and Councillors committed to volunteering some time to take on some of the tasks to keep the costs to a minimum.

Resolved: That a programme of works to trim the 4 plots, fit a weed suppressant membrane and then rotavate in Spring be drawn up and that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Property & Maintenance Committee, be authorised to incur expenditure as and when required in line with the programme, and within the overall budget delegated to this committee, in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.1

58/21 Village Lengthsman

The report of the Lengthsman was received and noted. Some minor maintenance tasks will be reported to Bradford by the Clerk.

59/21 Bowling Club

A costed plan of repair works to the Bowling club boundary hedge was received and noted. After discussion, it was

Resolved to recommend(1): That Council authorise the Clerk to place an order with a recommended Nursery for sufficient whips to fill all the gaps identified on the plan and that £350 be committed for this purpose.

Resolved to recommend(2): That the Council authorise the Clerk to place an order for a temporary post and wire fence to be erected on the North side to support and protect a new line of hedge approximately 10m. That a budget of £150 be committed for this purpose.

60/21 Vegetation Management

Herbicide use within the village was reviewed and discussed. Members of the public gave opinions at the invitation of the Chairman. The current policy is working well in the green spaces and mechanical interventions are taking place to keep weeds under control in high use areas such as the MUGA bank. The Council wishes to thank the Environment Group volunteers for their efforts with cutting back keeping things tidy. The village Lengthsman will continue to monitor and clear the footpaths and snickets.

The Clerk was asked to report to Bradford the state of the playground on Silsden Road. This has become covered with weeds and the surface has a coating of green slime.

Some chemical intervention is continuing on hard surfaces such as the Mem Hall car park.

61/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 9th November 2021 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman