MINUTES of the ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

held at the Connect Building, Oak Street, Fakenham

TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2025 at 2:30PM

Tenant Representatives: Mr S Tomlinson, and Mr J Stirland

Council Representatives: Cllr A Glynn (Chairman), Cllr V Joslin and Cllr J Holdom

Town Clerk: L Meanley

17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2024 were on the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Joslin, agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

18 APOLOGIES

Mr N Combrink

19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) Minute 10 (29,21,11,4,54) Numbering of plots N Combrink was looking into.
- b) Minute 10 (5)

Rudham Stile Lane

- The hedge near the entrance needs trimming as vision is obscured when leaving -Groundsmen did do this.
- ii. Mr Tomlinson asked for information regarding replacing the fence between the site and the new development on Water Moor Lane. This is to be looked into. Cllr Glynn to speak to NNDC planning. - Company uncontactable
 Grove Lane
- iii. One tenant has erected a poly tunnel which is against the regulations. Office looking into. L&E committee voted to agree that polytunnels would not be allowed. Cllrs classed a polytunnel as being large enough to walk into and garden
- iv. A request to raise the height of the water tap to allow larger watering cans to be filled will be investigated. Completed at one end but not near the gate. Groundsmen modified.
- c) Minute 11 Request for Tyres & Polytunnels to be raised at next Leisure & Environment meeting – L&E confirmed none allowed.
- **d) Minute 11** Muntjac getting through fencing to be raised at Leisure & Environment. Cllrs had no suggestions to stop them.
- **e) Minute 11** Grove Lane hedge and gate To cut the hedge sides and fix gate Hedge sides cut, awaiting fix on gate.
- f) Minute 12 To Discuss Allotment Competition clerk to liaise with J Stirland Will meet later in January.

20 TO DISCUSS ANY CURRENT PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Greenway Lane No issues reported
- b) Rudham Stile Lane No issues reported
- c) Grove Lane no representative

21 TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE ALLOTMENTS CRIME PREVENTION REPORT

Cllr Holdom commented that it wasn't clear that the police had written it. J Stirland commented that the clearer the sites are kept the better.

22 TO ADVERTISE A TENTANT REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY ON GROVE LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Office will advertise but if the current reps know anyone please ask them to contact the office.

23 TO CONSIDER FEE RESTRUCTURE OR DISCOUNT TO ENCOURAGE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF USERS

On the proposition of Cllr Holdom, seconded by J Stirland to not put discounts in place but to put in place smaller annual price increases.

TO CONSIDER ACTIONS TO COMBAT ENDEMIC WEEDS E.G. MARE'S TAIL, BRAMBLES, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH

Gallant Soldier rife. Mares Tail - Agree to trial letting weeds grow on allotment and spraying

	prior to seeding if there is a spare infected plot.			
25	TO RECEIVE THE ALLOTMENTS RISK ASSESSMENT All agreed. Clerk will arrange for display on Noticeboards.			
26	TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING 8 th April 2025 at 2:30pm			
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 3:24 pm			
	Confirmed this	day of	2025	
	CHAIRMAN			