

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6, GOATBECK TERRACE,**  
**LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM, DH7 8JJ**  
**ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Jamieson (in the Chair)**  
**and Councillors Bonner, Grantham, and Turnbull.**

**AII. 22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bonner declared an interest – Alder Park item number 7.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the declaration of interest.

**AII. 23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Elmer and Sims.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**AII. 24. PEST CONTROL CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR 2023 –**  
**BLACK ROAD/HAMILTON ROW/COMMERCIAL STREET/**  
**EMPIRE FIELD/HIGH BROWNEY/LOW BROWNEY**

The Contract for Pest Control is due for renewal in January 2023 for Black Road allotment site / February 2023 for Hamilton Row, Commercial Street and Empire Field allotment sites. April 2023 for High Browney allotment site and May 2023 for Low Browney allotment site.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend renewing the Pest Control Contracts for 2023/2024 with Durham County Council.

**AII. 25. STATION AVENUE – PLOT NO 20**

A request had been received from a new tenant for a front and rear fence. Upon inspection it was found that the posts to front were rotten, and a few slats needed replacing. The rear fence requires full replacement. Two quotations had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to DK Horticulture.

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**AII. 26. COCKHOUSE LANE**

It was reported that the tenant on plot no 27 was keeping pigs. Following an inspection it was noted that two small pygmy pigs were being kept on the plot.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend sending a letter to the tenant informing that pigs were not allowed on the allotment, due to the fact the damage to the land caused by pigs.

**AII. 27. ALDER PARK – REQUEST FOR A SKIP**

A request had been received for a second skip to be left on the site until it is full, due to the fact that some tenants were unable to remove all of the rubbish into the skip.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that arrangements are made for the provision of a skip and to leave on the site until it is full.

: To recommend notifying all the tenants that a second skip has been provided for the site.

: To recommend sending a letter to all the houses which have gates leading onto the site, notifying them that the Parish Council had been informed that someone had been utilising the council facilities by placing their own debris into the skip.

**AII. 28. ALDER PARK – USE OF VACANT PLOTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

It was suggested by Councillor Bonner to enquire if any of the local community groups would be interested in working an allotment plot, as there were three vacant plots on this site. The produce grown would be donated to local food banks or the elderly.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend enquiring that the Parish Council is looking for expressions of interest, from community groups, to see if they would be interested in working a plot.

: To recommend enquiring if the Parish Council would have to insure the groups, while they are working on the allotment site.

**AII. 29. ALDER PARK – OVERHANGING TREES ON PLOT NO 6**

The tenant of the above mentioned plot reported that he was unable to use most of his plot due to overhanging trees from a neighbouring residential property. A letter was written to the property, but the property is being let. A W Estates manage the property. A W Estates have contacted Oliver's Tree Services who will be carrying out an assessment of the trees on the 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend taking for information.

**AII. 30. LANGLEY GROVE – PLOT NO'S 23 AND 24**

The tenant of plot 24 of the above allotment site has requested a separate gate for plot 23. In previous years both allotments were rented by the same person, therefore access was not an issue. It is becoming an inconvenience for the tenant of plot 23 keep having to go through plot 24's allotment to gain access to their allotment.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend inspecting the plots, to see if a gate is required.

**AII. 31. COCKHOUSE LANE – GARAGE 001**

The tenant of the above garage plot has requested permission to site a 10ft/8ft storage container on to the side of his garage.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend contacting the tenant and enquire what will be stored in the container.

**AII. 32. LOW MEADOWFIELD – SYCAMORE TREE**

With regards to the large sycamore tree at the above allotment site. Oliver's Tree Services have advised that they have received a decision notice from the local authority – any work on the tree has been refused, due to a (TPO) tree preservation order on the tree.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend taking for information.

**AII. 33. HIGH BROWNEY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

An email has been received from Durham County Council Planning. It is regarding a Planning Application for a house and garage. The council believes the land belongs to the Parish Council, but after looking at the plans we are not sure if this is the case. The plans from Durham County Council are not clearly marked, where the house and garage will be situated.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend investigating further.

The meeting closed at 11.10am

Signed ..... *Samir* .....

Date ..... *16.12.22* .....