

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas and K McKay.

1) Apologies:

Councillors T Fiddler & J Graham, (other meeting).
It was resolved to accept the reason for not attending.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in items 3 - Bush lane Sport field, 4 – Croft Butts lane allotments and 5 - Bush lane allotments.

3) To consider the dog exercise signs on the Bush Lane sports field

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the signs submitted by the Dog walkers. The Chairman thanked the Dog walkers for their contributions.

It was resolved that 3 signs should be submitted to Council for approval with slight amendments to the wording and colour. The dog walkers agreed to amend the signs.

4) To review the allocation of the vacant plot on Croft Butts lane allotments

The Chairman of the Allotment holders Association reported that one full plot had become vacant and he recommended that this be allocated to an existing half plot tenant. In addition, he suggested that the tenant on the other half plot be allocated the vacant half plot to make it a full plot.

The Clerk indicated that there were 15 people on the waiting list. It was reported that one half plot tenant had given it up and another would be resigning in September '23.

It was resolved that the half plot tenant should move to the vacant full plot and the other half plot tenant should take over the half plot to make it a full plot'

The Clerk agreed to issue new agreements.

5) To review the allocation of the vacant plots on the Bush lane allotment

The Clerk reported that there was a full plot and a quarter plot vacant.

He reported that he had received a request from a half plot tenant to take over the full plot. In addition, he had contacted the next people on the waiting list and one had expressed an interest in a half plot to rear pigs and goats and another has expressed an interest in the quarter plot to rear poultry.

It was resolved to offer the half plot tenant the full plot, the new tenant the half plot and to interview the next two on the waiting list before allocating the quarter plot.

The Allotment holders Association will be asked to do the interviewing together with a member of the Open spaces committee.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....13/03/2023.....