

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**GRANGE MOOR ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014  
AT 8.30 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr C Whittingham (In the Chair)  
Cllrs J Paxton and B Wightman.  
Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough and S Beresford,

**GM6 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

Cllr Whittingham declared a personal interest in Mrs Sarah Swift, as she knows her personally.

There were no members of the public present.

**GM7 Public  
Participation**

**Resolved:** To hold the meeting in public.

**GM8 Admission of the  
Public**

Members noted the legal advice received and considered how to approach the matters. Members also considered the latest Inspection Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.

**GM9 Breaches of the  
Terms and  
Conditions**

**Resolved:** To accept the report recommendations and notify each tenant individually of the items requiring their actions / attention.

**Resolved:** To send out a general letter to all tenants acknowledging the current general good condition of the allotments but noting the underlying build up of items of rubbish, old pallets, rotting wood etc. Notify them that a skip will be delivered shortly and ask that everyone helps to clear away all the refuse items to bring the allotments back up to its previous clear condition ready for the start of the season.

Members also noted that the far end of the allotments adjacent to the Garden Centre is in need of clearance to enable the wetland area project to be implemented.

**Recommendation:** That the fence by the car parking area is replaced with post and rail to give a good appearance to the entrance.

**Resolved:** That the Environment Committee considers a project to clear the area and make the land available for the wetland project to proceed.

Members reviewed the Terms & Conditions covering leases at Grange Moor.

**GM5      Review of Terms  
& Conditions**

**Recommendation:** That the Terms & Conditions at Grange Moor Allotments are amended as follows:

- Item H (4) prohibiting the erection of fences is changed as follows:

That fencing is permitted on condition that it is a maximum of 1m in height and consists of new posts and chicken wire. Pallets, old wood, doors and any other material are not allowed.

- An additional clause is inserted which states that the Council will review annual rents as part of its annual budget process, and tenants will be notified of the new rate when the next set of invoices are issued.

**Recommendation:** That the above amendments are introduced with immediate effect and are applicable to all allotment tenants, irrespective of the date they signed their leases. And that the updated Terms & Conditions will be circulated to all Grange Moor tenants when the next set of invoices are issued.

Members considered a request from the tenant on Plot 18A that the lease be re-issued in joint names with her husband.

**GM6      Transfer of Lease**

**Recommendation:** That the request is refused.

The meeting then closed.

NB: The resolutions are Council decisions, taken under the Committee's delegated authority. The recommendations are subject to adoption by the Council at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.