

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

LAND & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2016 AT 8.30 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr B Armer in the Chair

Cllrs M Ackroyd, S Beresford, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington and B McGuin.
In attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllr R Franks, the reason for which was accepted.

**LP26 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Armer in Grange Moor and Shepley allotments as he knows many of the tenants and the correspondent; Cllr Cowan in Shepley allotments as he knows the tenants and correspondent.

No members of the public were present.

**LP27 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session, except for the discussions on Grange Moor and Shepley allotments as they were likely to divulge personal information.

**LP28 Admission of
the Public**

Members noted that the Council's application for free trees from the Woodlands Trust had been successful and the Council had been allocated a Wetland Pack, which consists of 105 saplings with spiral tree protection.

**LP29 GM Allotments
a) Tree
Planting**

Recommendation: Not to purchase any additional tree stakes, ties or guards at this stage.

The planting date will be agreed when the delivery has been confirmed. The following members volunteered to help: Cllrs B Armer, S Beresford, R Burton, R Bray, J Cowan and P Cunnington.

Members noted the quote for spraying Plots 19 and 13A, which was subject to it being carried out at the same time as the previously agreed work adjacent to the trench.

**LP30 b) Plots 19 and
13A**

Recommendation: To grant delegated authority to the Clerk to appoint Green Hill Landscapes Ltd to spray Plots 19 and 13A at the same time as the work previously agreed on the trench bank.

Members considered whether it was now possible to bring Plot 1B back into usage after the extensive flooding. It was noted that it was still liable to flood.

LP31 c) Plot 1B

Recommendation: That the plot is let to the tenant on Plot 1A at a nominal rent of £1 for one year as a trial.

Members noted the report on the proposed Grange Moor Tenants' Association.

Recommendation: To note the report.

**LP32 d) Tenants'
Association**

Members considered the type of tree to be planted in memory of Mr Gerald Taylor, a very longstanding allotment tenant at Grange Moor.

**LP33 e) Memorial
Tree**

Recommendation: To plant a cherry blossom tree and to consult with Mr Taylor's daughter on the wording for the plaque.

Members noted that there were 2 greenhouses and a shed on Plot 15, which was now vacant. One of the greenhouses is in a poor condition and both need to be removed prior to re-letting due to the allotment rules. It was also noted that some clearance of the contents of the shed was required.

LP34 f) Plot 15

Recommendation: That steps are taken to find out if any of the tenants without structures on their plots would be interested in the greenhouses. Also to give the Clerk delegated authority to include the clearance of Plot 15 within the contract currently required at Plot 19.

Following discussions at the previous Council meeting regarding the need to assist the Clerk on a short-term basis, members noted the inspection regime currently followed at Grange Moor allotments.

LP35 Allotment Inspections

Recommendation: That Cllr Armer and Cllr Burton would carry out the next inspection in November.

Members noted the correspondence received and considered the contents.

LP36 Shepley Allotments

Recommendation: To thank the correspondent for the letter and point out that the tenancy agreement is not being broken. The Council is therefore unable to take any action.

Members considered the request from a beekeeper to site 2 beehives at each of the Council's allotment gardens, and noted advice from the National Allotment Association's website.

LP37 Beehives

Recommendation: That permission to site beehives on both allotment gardens is refused on the grounds that there are no suitable areas available away from the road, tenants and the general public.

It was agreed the date of the next meeting will be held on 3 November 2016 after the Parish Council meeting.

LP38 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman then closed the meeting.