

HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Allotment Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING –Tuesday 10th January 2017– 1.45pm on site

Present: Cllrs S. Tranter (Chair), Mrs E. Jones, Mrs J.Hipkins

In Attendance: 3 members of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs W. Abercrombie (work), Mrs T.Kirk (ill)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs E. Jones, as the wife of an allotmentee, declared an interest in all aspects of the meeting.
- 3. Plot vacancies for 2016-17:** We have been made aware of four plots becoming vacant. These are plots 1, 9, 23 and 5R. These vacancies are to be advertised as soon as possible in the Parish Magazine, the Notice Boards, the Post Office and the Show House at the new housing estate. The vacant plots are tidy except for plot 9 which has become very neglected. However there is a greenhouse and fruit trees on this site.

Plot 19 to be requested to trim edges of the site to keep weed free. All plot holders to be requested to maintain the fence line of their plot for the benefit of neighbouring plots.

There are a number of seedling trees. Plot holders to ensure that seedling trees are not allowed to become established. Fruit trees only are allowed, which should be kept reasonably pruned.

There is still the problem of the gate being left unlocked.

- 4. To consider rents for 2017-18:** The subject of rents was raised and it was decided to keep the rent 'as is' at the moment but to review according to size. The high rental charge for the entire area is to be investigated and challenged through Savilles.

- 5. Other:** The notices regarding dog fouling are to be secured better into the ground, it was pointed out by Cllr J.Hipkins that it would be better to have a cross bar welded at the bottom of the post to make it harder for anyone to pull them out.

It is understood the developer had promised to tarmac the access track. This will be investigated and Lovells asked again if they would be prepared to do this.

- 6. The next meeting** is scheduled to take place on site on 16th May 2017.