

MINUTES OF THE BURNHAM MARKET ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Thursday 28th January at 7:30pm

This meeting was held virtually under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 via ZOOM

Present: Cllrs K Watkins (Chair), B Lynn, J Marshall

Clerk: Lolly Dawson

Members of the public: 2 members were present.

1. Apologies and consideration of acceptance.
C Howell, unavailable, apology accepted.
2. Members' declaration of interest and requests for dispensations
Cllrs K Watkins spouse is a tenant and B Lynn is a tenant at Westgate allotments.
3. Questions relating to the lease of the Westgate site and terms of notice were raised.
Clerk to investigate and report back.
4. Pest Control will now be managed by Acorn Pest Control Services, they will attend both sites on a monthly basis and provide safety data sheets and reports on all work they carry out.
5. There are signs up at both allotments to alert tenants about bird flu, it was reported by B Lynn that all bird cages had been enclosed and it appeared that all tenants were following the government guidelines. Measures are still in place and bird keepers are advised to use the government website for updates.
6. General Maintenance to be carried out includes the cultivation of currently vacant plots 43,45,47 & 49 on Westgate and plot 76b on Creake Road around February time so that they can be available to potential new tenants. It was agreed that B Lynn would carry out the work.
7. Advertising of the vacant plots in Spring 2021. K Watkins agreed to write a stand alone article for the Burnham Newsletter and suggested quotes from tenants and some photographs, it was agreed this could also be used on the website. The clerk will create a notice for the notice board and social media. Ideas for using vacant plots were also discussed.
8. Two application forms were received for plots 77 Creake Road and 11 Westgate for sheds and a greenhouse and both have been approved.
9. The allotment risk assessment and covid-19 allotment risk assessment were received.
10. Covid safety signage for both allotment sites to be displayed.

The meeting closed at 8:09pm by K Watkins.

Signed:

Dated: