

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
Allotments Committee held on March 14th 2019
At The Seeds of Hope Parish Room, Kingshurst B37 6BY**

Time: 6pm

Committee Cllrs present: J. Kimberley, S. Daly and T. Williams

In attendance: Two members of the public – Allotment Holder David Hinsley,
Two Councillors were also present and Clerk Joanne Aske.

43/19. Apologies for absence: All present.

44/19. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January and the paperwork for non quorate meeting of the 14th February 2019

Resolved that the Minutes held on the 17th January and the paperwork for non quorate meeting of the 14th February 2019 of that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

45/19 **Gro Organic updates:** No updates were received.

46/19 **The Jubilee Gardens:** Chair Kimberley spoke on the recent clearing of the land at the end of the Jubilee gardens. A quote for regular maintenance of the area from Mr. D. England was agreed at £135 for the three seasons of the year. All agreed to go ahead with this quote.

From the clearing it was established that a lot of rubbish has been uncovered and also it appeared that rubbish is being left on the gardens from new tenants of the allotments.

Responsibility of rubbish left on allotments from previous tenants was discussed and the Clerk had told new owners they must take the rubbish away and not leave it on the Jubilee Gardens.

Mark Frampton mentioned the water tap leaking. David Hinsley Allotment holder said he would fix the leak.

Cllr. T Williams would like a copy of allotment holders.

Clerk informed the committee that all allotment plots have all been allocated now.

It was agreed for the Clerk to book a builders skip for the rubbish in the Jubilee Gardens. A working party will need to go down and fill the skip

47/19 Information of Allotment holders forming an association: by allotment holder David Hinsley. Chair asked David Hinsley to take the Floor.

David spoke of the February meeting he attended, arranged by the National Allotment Society. The information regarding forming an Allotment Association is available. The self Management of a site set up by the holders can help the Parish Council by taking the responsibility for the association and financing it themselves. Representatives from the Allotment Society will come along and discuss the benefits of the Parish Council having the Associations take over the running of the allotment. The biggest benefits David said would be the Holders association once formed can apply for grants.

Cllr. T Williams wondered if the water bill would be paid by the holders. David was unsure of this. But it was established that the Parish Council will always own the allotment site but with little costs.

Vice Chair Follows mentioned here that a draft for a lease would need to be done legally with Solicitors.

David said there are initial costs in setting up. He also mentioned the grants available locally to allotment associations for compost toilets.

Other ideas were discussed regarding the benefits.

Chair Kimberley spoke on inviting the regions representative. Clerk had emailed previously to request a visit from him but to no avail. Clerk will email again with the dates of our meetings.

48/19 Correspondence: The quote from David England, as discussed above and the copy of the email where Clerk invited Tom Terrance from the National Allotment Society to our meeting.

49/19 Public Participation. Chair asked again to the two allotment holders if they had any other matters to discuss.

Mr. Mark Frampton asked of any decisions Gro Organic.

Chair mentioned that there had been no communications from Gro Organic and as the clearing of the Jubilee gardens bottom half had been maintained, it was best to wait until after the Parish Council elections to make a firm decision on the whole of the Gardens.

Mark replied that he had contacted Gro Organic for a future meeting. He has no information regarding the hope of lottery funding.

Chair asked Mark to keep the Clerk updated if he hears from Gro Organic.

50/19 Date and time of next meeting. **11th April 2019 at 6pm in the Seeds of Hope Parish Room.**

Cllr. Williams gave her apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

SignedDate