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Minutes of the Eastry Allotments Committee meeting held at the Parish Room on Tuesday 28th October 2014.

Present: Councillors: M.Kemp M Pemble

Appointed members: R.Barwick (Chairman) P Bailey (Secretary)

Two Allotment holder/member of the public

1. Apologies

J Kemp.

2. Declaration of Interest.

All those present are allotment holders.

3. The committee meeting was closed to enable allotment holders/members of the public to speak or ask questions.

There were no questions.

4. Minutes of the last committee meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July 2014 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5. Actions of the Last Meeting.

- a) The notices had been affixed to the five bar gate at the School site entrance but the gate was still being left unlocked at times. **Item discharged.**
- b) There had been advertising of vacant allotment plots in the Eastry Village News which had resulted in a few plots being taken but there was still several vacant plots so it was agreed that we would continue with advertising. **Action secretary.**
- c) The training of 5 allotment holders/committee members had taken place and they had been issued with their competence certificates. **Item discharged.**
- d) The Open meeting had taken place on the 28th September and had been attended by 9 allotment holders. **Item discharged.**
- e) The Allotment holders' barbeque had been a great success on the 14th September and attendees to that and the Open meeting had asked that a vote of thanks should be given to those who organised it. It was agreed that there should be another next year but it should be earlier in July with a provisional date of 12th or 19th suggested. **Item ongoing.**

6. Allotment Managements.

- a) Inspection of Allotment plots – It was agreed that although there were one or two plots on each of the two sites that needed attention no action would be taken at this time but further checks would be made early next year. **Item ongoing.**
- b) Vacant Plots. See 5b **Action secretary.**
- c) Allotment Strimmer – As the parish council had agreed that a strimmer could be purchased for this committee's use it was agreed that Eric Hawkes (who had agreed to assist the committee) would help the clerk to the parish council with its purchase. The eventual storage of the strimmer would be discussed once it had been purchased. **Item ongoing.**
- d) Over hanging trees – After some discussion it was agreed that the secretary would let the clerk to the parish council know those trees in question and their location. **Action secretary.**

- e) Plot rental notices – The secretary informed the committee that he had delivered all the invoices for rental to all allotment holders on the 25th September (those outside the village had been posted on the 23rd September, the cost of postage having been donated to the committee). **Item discharged.**
- f) Suspension of Water supply for winter- Although the 1st November was the agreed date to turn off the supply in view of the current mild weather cessation would be left until the temperature lowered. Similarly although the resumption would normally be 1st March this would also be reviewed if it was still very cold. **Item ongoing.**
- g) Any other business.
 - 1) As many of the May Mill plots were difficult to ascertain some wooden poles should be purchased so that some plots could be “staked out” to show their limits and regularise separating pathways. The chairman would determine the number required. **Action chairman/ secretary.**
 - 2) Water taps close to outside fences needed protecting from being turned on and left running, it was agreed that small wooden screens would be erected around them. **Action chairman.**
 - 3) The secretary had received notification, from the clerk to the parish council, that a small number of plot holders had not, as yet, paid their rental. It was agreed that they would be contacted to see if they still wanted to continue renting their plots. **Action chairman/secretary.**
 - 4) It was agreed that as the ground became wetter notices would be put posted on the entrances to each site preventing vehicle access. **Action chairman/secretary.**

6. Correspondence.

None had been received

7. Date and time of next meeting.

It is was agreed that the next committee meeting should take place in January 2015 date and time to be agreed.

Approved by Chairman:

Date: