



Chard Town Council

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Mayor Cllr. Garry Shortland Town Clerk Zoe Truong

Minutes of the Allotment Forum meeting of Chard Town Council held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 in the Auditorium at 12:00pm

Present:

Councillors: J Baker (Chair)

In Attendance:

Teresa Turnbull – Administration Officer

There were No. 9 members of the public present and No. 0 members of the press present

The meeting started at 12.00pm

Apologies received from Shirley Pitman, Outdoor Services Manager

JB confirmed the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th April 2018

Matters arising from last meeting:

Poly tunnels – Maximum size. 14ft is the largest of the domestic range. JB confirmed as long as it within the domestic size range, there would be no issue.

Shed/Greenhouse application to be completed for any shed/greenhouse or poly tunnel being erected on your plot. If these have not already been submitted, please complete retrospectively.

TT to send letter to all plot holders asking to complete if not done so.

Dog mess still an issue – Notices have been put up informing people to pick up after their dog and dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

JB to speak to amenities regarding a dog bin being put in the vicinity of the allotment entrance.

TT to send letter to all plot holders reminding them of the Dog Policy.

Long/overgrown grass on a lot of plots is a big issue – An attempt was made last week within limited time but unfortunately seeds have been blown everywhere, also a potential fire hazard with the long dry grass.

Any concerns between inspections please contact TT to notify of specific plots that are becoming an issue.

Clearing vacant plots take too long for new plot holders – Help required preparing plot for new members- Amenities will strim and clear rubbish from plot but the Council do not own a rotavator therefore this is not a service we can offer.

Any local companies/individuals that we can direct people to that might offer the service at a cost to the plot holder.

Consistent problem plots will be reviewed– please let TT know if a plot is becoming untidy

If plot holders wish to cut back long grass on neighboring plots that have been neglected please let TT know so a note may be made on the inspection report.

Boundaries are not always clear on the plots- This should become clearer once it's all cut back.

Next meeting due in August date to be confirmed in the letter going out to all plot holders.

Inspection date to be confirmed to Allotment Holder association chairperson once a date has been confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 12.40pm