

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Town Council Offices.

PRESENT: Councillors C Duckett and Crouch
B Withyman and J Lane and (Keynsham Allotment Association)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Deputy Town Clerk

As this meeting was inquorate only notes were taken.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors D Biddleston and B Simmons

2. ALLOTMENT RENT

Details in respect of the increase in allotment rent was noted as follows: -

The annual rental of the allotment site will increase from £1425.50 to £1562.25 from 25th March 2019 (based on inflation between December 2015 and December 2018).

As per the agreement between the Town Council and the Allotment Association, 25% of this said sum will be payable by the Allotment Association totalling £390.56 (to be invoiced in two equal sums of £195.28).

3. FEEDBACK AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION AGM

i) Feedback from the Allotment Association AGM.

Notes from the Keynsham Allotment Association Annual General meeting on 7th February 2019 were presented to the Deputy Town Clerk (copy attached).

A statement of the Allotment Association accounts dated 14th March 2019 was presented to the Deputy Town Clerk (copy attached).

Those present were informed that all plots at the site were now occupied and that there is a waiting list of one person.

(i) A question was asked whether there are any restrictions or implications in respect of keeping bee hives at the allotment site.

The Deputy Clerk reported there were no rules in the current agreement between the Town Council and the Allotment Association, and she read out the B&NES rules and guidance on keeping livestock, poultry, rabbits and bees at an allotment site.

It was suggested that the Allotment Association write to the Town Clerk asking for this matter to be considered by Full Council after the elections.

(ii) Update on Section 106 funds

Those present were informed that Sec.106 funds earmarked for Allotment Improvements in Keynsham would stay within the Town Council's control, as it is a legal requirement and public money needs to be accounted for carefully. Any expenditure would require three quotes and all improvement projects suggested would be considered by Full Council. These funds are yet to be drawn down and need to be spent by 1st December 2021.

It was advised that some of the monies may be allocated to the new allotment site proposed for the Woodland View Estate on Charlton Road.

It was suggested that the Allotment Association write to the Town Clerk with any improvement project ideas asking for consideration by Full Council after the elections.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

An update meeting was suggested for the end of June/beginning of July.

Meeting to be arranged by doodle calendar.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.