

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 9TH JUNE 2010, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, STARTING AT 6 P.M.

Present:

Councillor M G Spencer, Chairman (as of item 47/10 below)
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P Quadling

Councillors:

G P Balaam

47/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MAYORAL
YEAR 2010/11

Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor M G Spencer be elected Chairman
of the Allotments Committee for Mayoral Year 2010/11.

Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor J A Harding be elected Vice-
Chairman of the Allotments Committee for Mayoral Year
2010/11.

48/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

49/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors J A Harding, T J
Lamb and A Paines.

50/10 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee's meeting held
on 3rd March 2010 (as received by the Council at its meeting
on 31st March 2010 under minute 525/09a), be confirmed as a
true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

51/10 FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR TO DATE

A paper was tabled, indicating overall Department 6 income and
expenditure against budget as at 31st May 2010, with detailed
analyses of water rate and general maintenance costs.

The Town Clerk provided a brief commentary on water charges to date, pointing in passing to the need to identify how many of the Bury Road plots were served by the respective water meters (there being two) At the moment, there was no thought being given to increasing the water charges collected from plot-holders across all sites.

RESOLVED that the financial report be noted.

52/10 ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

Inspections had been spread over two days owing to inclement weather the previous day. A long list of those to whom letters would be sent was tabled.

RESOLVED that the list be noted.

53/10 OTHER MATTERS

(a) Water Supply Costs

This had been dealt with under item 51/10 above.

(b) Part-Year Charging

Proposed 'sliding scale' tariffs were tabled for both part-year tenancies and tenancy surrenders during the year.

RECOMMENDED that the tariffs annexed hereto be endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 30th June 2010 on the strict understanding that any refunds paid must be conditional on plots being left 'clean' by the vacating tenant.

(c) Lock Replacement / New Key Issue at Mundford Road and Bury Road sites

RECOMMENDED that the Council, at its meeting on 30th June 2010, approve the introduction of the 'refundable deposit' approach, successfully introduced at the London Road site.

(d) Updated Tenancy Terms and Conditions

RECOMMENDED that the Council, at its meeting on 30th June 2010, approve the revised document annexed hereto, subject to clause 2.13 being re-worded as follows:

"The Tenant must not use sprinklers or any form of irrigation system connected to a site tap. Hoses must not be connected to site taps other than for the filling of water butts."

(e) Written request received from a plot-holder for retention of an irrigation system

Copies of a letter received from a Bury Road plot-holder were tabled.

RESOLVED that there be no approval given to retention of said irrigation system.

(f) Written complaint received in respect of a plot-holder's alleged approach to disposal of flammable waste

Copies of a letter received from a Mundford Road plot-holder were tabled.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made regarding:

- the place of residence of a certain tenant
- a perceived 'sub-tenancy' arrangement on one of his plots
- his approach to disposal of aerosol cans.

Chairman