

CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Allotments Committee held at Cornforth Community Centre on Monday 12th March 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr. H. A. Robson, Chairman and

Councillors Dr. S. C. Drew and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Allotment holder representatives: Mr. J. Grafton and Mr. R. Metcalfe

Apologies: Councillors Mr. A. Mould and Mr. W. R. Wilson.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th August 2006 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

It was reported that in December 2004 the Council agreed to make allotment plot No.9 available as a community garden for a period of five years at a peppercorn rent. Groundwork East Durham developed the site and encouraged community use.

Consideration was given to a letter from Groundwork suggesting that The Cornforth Partnership take the lead role in looking after the garden. Ricky Bellingham from the Partnership and Angela Ferguson representing West Cornforth Primary School explained work that had been undertaken on the allotment by children from the village. They pointed out that their gardening knowledge was limited and that support would be welcome from existing allotment holders. The allotment holder representatives indicated that advice would be available from existing allotment holders.

RESOLVED: That The Cornforth Partnership takes the lead role in looking after the Community Allotment.

4 ALLOTMENT PLOT NO.23

It was reported that the tenancy of plot No. 23 had been relinquished and consideration was given to re-letting the plot.

Consideration was also given to the exiting practice of letting plots to the next on the waiting list in chronological order.

The need for car parking provision to the rear of the site was also examined.

RESOLVED: 1 That the tenancy of plot No. 23 be allocated to Mr. Keith

Ferguson, 1, Birch Road, West Cornforth.

- 2 That in future persons on the waiting list who do not have an allotment tenancy be given preference over existing allotment holders. The allocation of additional allotment plots to existing allotment holders only to be considered if there are no persons on the waiting list other than existing allotment tenants.
- 3 Subject to the proviso set out in 2 above allotment plots be let to persons on the waiting list in chronological order based on the date of being added to the waiting list.
- 4 The Clerk be authorised to let allotment plots on the basis set out above as and when they become available.
- 5 That when the next plot becomes available at the northern end of the site consideration be given to part or all of it being utilised for car parking.

5 WAITING LIST

Consideration was given to applications to be added to the waiting list for an allotment.

RESOLVED: That the following persons be added to the waiting list:
Mr. W. Wilkinson, 18, Maple Grove, West Cornforth
Mr. P. Ferguson, 23, Linden Road, West Cornforth

6 VERMIN INFESTATION

Reference was made to problems experienced on the site.

RESOLVED: That Sedgefield Borough Council be contacted regarding the problems.