

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 11AM ON MONDAY 8 JUNE 2015 IN THE PARISH OFFICES**

Members present:

Cllr J Foster who took the Chair in the absence of Cllr P Vaughan
Cllr G Huntley
Cllr P Munley
Cllr A Iley

In attendance:

Mr D L Nicholson, Parish Clerk and Mrs A Brindley, Assistant Parish Clerk

A001/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Butler prior engagement, Cllr A Barrell and Cllr P Vaughan work commitments.

A002/15 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL AND NON-PREJUDICIAL

No declarations were made.

A003/15 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2015/16

Cllr P Vaughan being the sole nominee was appointed to serve as Chair for the council year 2015/16

A004/15 4. APOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2015/16

Cllr J Foster being the sole nominee was appointed to serve as Vice Chair for the council year 2015/16

A005/15 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public in attendance

A006/15 6. TO NOTE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HAVE BEEN REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2015.

The minutes were received, noted and formally adopted as being a true record.

A007/15 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Lettings

The Parish Clerk reported that the income was on track, with all the Bomarsund allotments invoiced. Discussions regarding finance will be taking place with West Sleekburn Allotment Association and Choppington Allotments are still to be transferred. NCC is still to locate tenants' agreements for the sites under their management and it may be that new agreements will be required on transfer.

2. Fencing

The Parish Clerk reported that quotations are being sought to install perimeter fencing around Bomarsund allotments. The most secure type is palisade. However not all the area need to be this secure and he is looking to mix the types of fencing to reduce costs.

Fencing is required to secure the land behind Cleaswell Terrace. This has been an environmental problem for many years and some action needs to be taken on behalf of the residents.

The Parish Clerk is looking to identify a preferred contactor for this work.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to allocate a sum of £20k towards the purchase of fencing to secure the allotment and land behind Cleaswell Terrace.

A008/15 8. ALLOTMENT TRANSFERS

The Parish Clerk previously had reported that the transfers would be completed by March 2015. This is timescale has slipped and he continues to push for a completion date from NCC.

Documents have been received for play areas, and the Parish Council has suggested that the process would be simplified if legal letters of agreement were approved prior to full land transfer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20

Chairman

Date