

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH
COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2017 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES**

Members present:

Cllr E A Barrell
Cllr J Foster, Chairman
Cllr K Grimes
Cllr G Huntley
Cllr A Iley
Cllr J Rowell
Cllr L Watson
Cllr P Vaughan

In attendance:

Mr D L Nicholson Parish Clerk, Mrs A Brindley Deputy Parish Clerk and Mr D Iley Finance/Admin Assistant.

A001/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was a full attendance

**A002/17 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE
PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE
INTEREST(S).**

No declarations were made.

A003/17 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2017/18

Cllr J Foster being the sole nominee was appointed to serve as Chair for the council year 2017/18

A004/17 4. APOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2017/18

Cllr K Grimes being the sole nominee was appointed to serve as Vice Chair for the council year 2017/18

**A005/17 5. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS
HAVING BEEN REPORTED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Members noted the minutes of the Allotment Committee of 19th April 2017.

A006/17 6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
There were no questions

A006/17 7. REPORT BY THE DEPUTY PARISH CLERK.

1. Lettings 2017/18.

It was reported that only four plots remained to be filled at the Bomarsund site out of 45. Two allotment holders had taken up tenancies this month. All on the waiting list had been contacted by letter to confirm their interest on remaining. Some had not replied so have been removed from the list.

A008/17 8. Site Visit

The site visit served as part of an induction to new members. Members visited a private allotment site at Guide Post Social Club which is not part of any proposal for the Parish but is a good example of a well-run site. The visits continued to Choppington which is run by an Association, Francesville, Bomarsund which is the only site the Parish directly manages and finishing at West Sleekburn which is another site run by an Association.

The Parish Clerk advised that it would be possible to arrange one of the allotment tenants with experience of directly managed and association run allotments with allotment experience to meet with members as part of their induction training.

AGENDA PART 2

In consideration of Standing Order 46a, members resolved that in view of the special and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest for the press and public to be excluded during consideration of agenda item 8.

The meeting closed at the conclusion of this item, there being no further business to be transacted.

Chairman

Date