

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES**

**Members present:**

Cllr H Allsopp  
Cllr E A Barrell  
Cllr J Foster, Chairman  
Cllr K Grimes  
Cllr J Rowell  
Cllr P Vaughan

**In attendance:**

Mr D L Nicholson Parish Clerk, Mrs A Brindley Deputy Parish Clerk and Mr J Rooney.

**A009/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr A Iley (personal commitment). The meeting accepted this as a proper reason for absence.

**A010/17 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE  
PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE  
INTEREST(S).**

No declarations were made.

**A011/17 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Members noted that the minutes have been reported to the Parish Council and agreed that they represented a true record of the meeting.

**A012/17 4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None received.

**A013/17 5. REPORT FROM THE PARISH CLERK.**

The Parish Clerk reported that work will commence on track improvements at the East Terrace Allotments in February 2018. Approximately 280 metres of track require attention and the work will include levelling, sub surface firming as well as top dressing and firming. Approximately 300 tonnes of materials will be required and lack of storage will require the work to be undertaken in 2 phases.

**A014/17 6. PRESENTATION BY MR J ROONEY.**

The Parish Clerk introduced Mr J Rooney who has an allotment tenancy with the Parish Council and accepted the invitation to talk to the committee as part of the councillor induction programme. Mr Rooney has had tenancies in both Durham and Northumberland and extensive growing experience and with livestock. John Rooney reflected on the various

differences between direct local council management of allotments through associations.

Following questions members thanked John for his interesting and informative talk.

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

Chairman

Date