



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RYDE ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON **FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2019** ,AT RYDE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ROOM,10 LIND STREET RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 11:30AM.

Councillors Present: Cllr Malcolm Ross (Mayor)
Cllr Henry Adams (Ryde Town Council)
Cllr Karen Lucioni (Ryde Town Council)

In Attendance

Shona Parnell, Facilities & Allotments Officer

18/18 APOLOGIES

NONE

19/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the Allotments meeting hold on the 25th July 2018 were agreed.

20/18 FACILITY & ALLOTMENT OFFICERS UPDATE

- The facilities and allotment officer updated the committee on the Japanese Knotweed at Quarry Road. A second annual report was produced by our contractor Brian. He stated the first year of spraying in 2017 has worked really well and the first spraying of 2018 didn't take place until 2nd July 2018 as no plants were big enough. A site visit on the 20th September 2018 showed there only to be a few plants growing and they were very small. The second spraying of 2018 took place on 25th September 2018 and in summary Brian think that by the end of the three year spraying the knotweed will be killed. There will be once or twice yearly inspections to check on this.
- She then went on updating the committee on the Legionella assessment which took place July 2018 but the report was issued early November. After this report our current risk of legionella is 1, Low Risk. We were informed that to get 0, Very Low Risk I will need to undertake a Leginella Awareness Course which has been organised for the end of February.

- Since the last meeting the Upton Road taps have been quoted for and the contractor has been chosen. The allotment officer informed councillors that she is just waiting to hear back from the contractor awarded the job.
- RTC were contacted with regards to trees/electricity lines on Quarry Road Allotments following an inspection it was agreed to prune as appropriate. The tenants were informed and given a timeframe of works to be completed.
- The allotments officer updated the committee on recent payments issues and how many people were left to pay. MR asked about a card reader in the office and stated that he had spoke to Gareth and he is looking into it for future reference.
- The next allotment association forum will take place in March and will be organised with a good amount of time to tell tenants.
- In the previous meeting the discussion on expenditures were raised. The allotments officer produced a sheet of expenditures and spoke about trying to reduce certain costs in coming years.
- Lastly there is question raised by TC on the ditch at Marlborough Road. SP is going to look into the ditch and whether the builders are going to be digging it out due to recent works and or whether RTC need to.

21/18 RENT INCREASE/CONSULTATION PROCESS

The AMC considered a proposed increase for 2019/2020 having regards to the requirement for allotment rents to be reasonable. The rent must be such as a tenant can reasonably be expected to pay for the land on the terms on which it is in fact let to them.

2.1 Rent

Rent is payable from the date of this tenancy agreement. In future the whole years rent will be payable in advance on the 1st September each year.

- (i) *The rent may be varied by the Council giving at least 3 months' notice to the Tenant to review the rent and the date upon which it is to become effective (hereinafter called "The commencement Date"). Following the expiry of the notice to review the rent, the varied rent (hereinafter called the 'New Rent') shall from the Commencement Date become due and payable in substitution for and in the same manner as the former rent.*

The group then agreed that the allotment officers will bring a rent study to the next meeting for consideration.

22/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting.