

# SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING OF ALLOTMENT TENANTS

27<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllr B Palacio ( Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs S Semple 21 Allotment Tenants

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs J Knight, Mrs J Roebuck

**01/07**        **APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were accepted and approved.

**02/07**        **MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
Were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

**03/07**        **ELECTION OF UP TO 2 TENANTS' REPRESENTATIVES TO  
THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**  
It was Resolved to elect Mrs Bewsher and Mr P Anning

**04/07**        **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW**  
This is attached to the Minutes

**05/07**        **FINANCIAL REPORT**  
The current Allotments account balance was £1253.84p and a breakdown  
of the movement of the account over the year is attached.

**06/07**        **TO PROPOSE THAT EVERY TENANT BE INVITED TO  
INDICATE WHETHER, IF THEIR PLOTS ARE AN UNSUITABLE  
SIZE, THEY MIGHT WISH TO EXCHANGE THEM SHOULD  
SOME MORE APPROPRIATE BECOME AVAILABLE.**  
This was felt to be a good idea. The Clerk said the Office would maintain  
a 'Swap Plot' book showing the details submitted by Tenants, and that

exchange of plots would be offered as and when the need arose. Tenants would be written to in the near future.

- 07/07**      **TO CONSIDER SUB-DIVIDING LARGER PLOTS**  
This was not considered to be a good idea and would not be pursued.
- 08/07**      **TO PROPOSE THAT ALL TENANTS ARE ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO REMAIN AS TENANTS AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE, THEIR PLOTS MUST BE WORKED AND JUST NOT CLEARED. IF THEY REMAIN UNWORKED, TENANTS ARE IN BREACH OF THE NON-STATUTORY RULES AND THEIR PLOTS MAY BE OFFERED TO THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST. ALSO TO EXPLAIN THE NEW ALLOTMENT GRADING SCHEME**  
This item attracted considerable discussion. All were agreed that action should be taken to encourage all tenants to meet the obligation of Rule 3 to cultivate their plots. Discussion centred around how best this might be achieved.  
Cllr Mrs Semple stated that major inspections of plots begin in early April, then the middle of each month until the end of September, and that Tenants were free to join the inspection group.  
It was agreed to trial for 1 year a grading system of 1 for unsatisfactory, 2 for satisfactory and 3 for good, and tenants who received three consecutive unsatisfactory gradings may well lose the tenancy of their plot.
- 09/07**      **TO CONSIDER GRANTING PERMITS TO DOG OWNERS WHO ARE OBLIGED TO KEEP THEIR DOGS WITHIN THE CONFINDS OF THEIR OWN ALLOTMENT**  
This was felt not to be a good idea and will not be pursued. The majority of those present were not in favour of allowing dogs onto the allotment site.
- 10/07**      **TO CONSIDER CONCESSIONS REGARDS WATER RATES FOR PEOPLE WITH WATER BUTTS OR DIPPING TANKS (Mr Cook)**  
This did not attract support and will not be pursued
- 11/07**      **NOTIFY TENANTS THAT WATER PIPES WILL BE RAISED AND DIPPING TANKS PLACED UNDERNEATH. TENANTS ARE REMINDED THEY MUST NOT LEAVE HOSES UNATTENDED**  
Mrs Bewsher reported this work will be done shortly at an expected cost of under £100
- 12/07**      **TO PROPOSE THAT ADJOINING PATHS BETWEEN PLOTS ARE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY PLOT CHECK LIST**  
It was agreed

13/07

**TO CONSIDER CHANGING RULE 17 TO PERMIT THE  
LIGHTING OF BONFIRES FROM SEPTEMBER**

It was agreed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.02pm

**These Minutes were confirmed and signed this**

**..... day of ..... 2008**

**Presiding Chairman .....**