

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GARAGES AREA COMMITTEE OF MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, MOULTON on MONDAY 30th JULY 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Burgess (Chair) and P. Vernon

In attendance: E. Beech - Clerk
Cllr. D. Worthington – Winsford Town Council (pt.)
S. Henshall – Over Allotments Association (pt.)

09.65G Apologies for Absence

Resolved: that the apology for absence submitted by Cllr. Hough (other commitment) and Cllr. Turner (work) be accepted.

09.66G Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Vernon declared a personal interest as she is a relative of a garage lessee.

09.67G Over Allotment Association

The Chair welcomed Mrs Henshall and Cllr. Worthington to the meeting and set the context in which the provision of allotment facilities in Moulton is in the early stages of consideration.

- Winsford Town Council is the landlord and the allotment holders are tenants
- is an agreement which is signed annually
- plots are not a standard size (30' x 30' up to 60' x 60')
- charges vary according to size of plot but all are very low

Matters to consider include preparation of land to make suitable for this purpose, including suitable soil, size of plot, provision of water, boundary provision (whole area and plots), pathways, buildings, requirement for planning permission, charges for tenancy, development of a tenancy agreement, management of facilities, insurance, maintenance, key holding.

Noted Cheshire West and Chester Council are developing a strategy for increasing the provision of allotments so contact will be made to explore what support it can give.

Invitation extended, and accepted, for Cllrs. Burgess and Vernon to visit the Over allotments.

The Chair thanked Mrs Henshall and Cllr. Worthington for taking the time to come to the meeting to provide helpful information about allotment provision.

Mrs Henshall and Cllr. Worthington left the meeting.

09.68G Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting held on 9th July 2009 be agreed.

09.69G Advice re: Current Lease

Noted final advice is still awaited from the National Association of Local Councils, via Cheshire Assoc. but in light of need to give notice in time for 2010 this needs to be chased.

Resolved: that a letter to current lessees giving them 3 months notice of the introduction of the new lease with effect from 1st January 2010, be drafted for agreement at the next Council meeting; the letter to include a statement on the application of section 8 of the lease which relates to the required specification for a garage.

09.70G Matters relating to Individual Garages / Plots and Requests for Garages / Plots

Resolved: that in view of the confidential nature of this item where it relates to individual lessees it be considered at the end of the meeting and members of the public and the press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for that item.

09.71G Next Meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; the agenda to include making a recommendation for rents for 2010.

There being no further business this part of the meeting closed at 8.40pm