

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee held at 7.00 pm on 13 December 2005 at The Institute. Councillor Fisk, presided over Councillors Blessett, Helyar, Thomas and the clerk. No members of the public were present.

018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Warrick due to work commitments.

019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

020 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2005, having previously been circulated, were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

021 REVIEW OF BUDGET AND TO DATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2006/07 BUDGET

The Clerk reported that spending to date was in the region of £3175 out of a total budget of £3000 (approval for water connection costs to be met from contingency fund had been given at a meeting of the full council in September 2005). Rental from allotment plots was still arriving and would be in the region of £1170.00.

With regard to the forthcoming budget, it was noted that there was still some necessary work which was required to ensure the success of this venture including further work to pathways with substantially more planings, the addition of a hard standing for the central plot and general maintenance. It was therefore proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that the Maintenance budget be set at £1000 and the Miscellaneous budget be set at £3000 on the understanding that further budgets would be vastly lower in following years as rental income should cover many costs.

022 GENERAL PROGRESS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALLOTMENT GARDENS

It was noted that in general progress was good and that there was still a waiting list. The clerk asked for further guidance for priority on the waiting list as there were many now from outside Deeping St James. After some discussion and recognition that funding for the allotment gardens came from this council's precept it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to **recommend** to full council that Deeping St James residents would continue take priority.

023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING- tbc

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.35 pm.