

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Environment Committee
Thursday 18th August 2022 at 6.30 pm
The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple

Present: Councillors:

R Knight, J Carter, M Lovering, L York (Vice-Chair), R Mack and J Coates (Chair)

Also in attendance:

R Ward, Town Clerk

B Vercoe, Barnstaple Allotment Association

Members of the Public: 0

Apologies for absence: 0

** In the absence of Cllr Coates Cllr York took the chair for the meeting.

11 Apologies for absence.

No apologies received

** Cllr Coates arrived at 18.35, Cllr York remained in the chair for the rest of the meeting

12 Dispensations and disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

Cllrs M Lovering, L York and R Mack, as a members of North Devon Council, have dispensations under SO66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

Cllr Mack for agenda item 4 as an allotment holder

Cllr Lovering for agenda item 4 as a family member is an allotment holder

13 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2022, are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

14 Allotment Tenancy Agreement

Barbara Vercoe of the Barnstaple Allotment Association raised questions about sheds and glass in sheds and greenhouses, bonfires and incinerators, and barbeques. This questions had been responded to prior to the meeting by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: To approve the new Allotment Tenancy Agreement and the Allotment Rules and Guidance document.

The new documents will be issued this September for the renewal of tenancies for 2022-23 (NC)

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Purchase of a Flail for the ride on Mower

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a flail to be used as an attachment for the ride on mower for the cutting of highway verges.

The reason for the proposal is to allow longer periods of time between cutting of the grass verges which will support activities like “No-Mow May”.

The current attachment is designed for finishing and works very well for managing Rock Park and the football pitches.

An additional benefit would be the potential for carbon reduction and less wear to the equipment by being able to cut the grass less times each year.

The cost of the new flail is in the region of £6,500.

Funds are available in the 5520 Highway Verges budget. (NC)

Meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

Chairman.

Signed:

Dated: