

# ALLOTMENTS AND LAND SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Cllrs J Bayford, R K Binks, D Saunders (Chair), M Saunders Present: Senior Administrative Officer: Julie Belsey

#### 580 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

581 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

#### 582 MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a true record o the meeting by the Chair.

### 583 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

#### 584 **OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

The Chair reminded those present of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and sub-committees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

#### 585 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR SITE VISIT DATES BY MEMBERS**

Members arranged for the Allotment sites visits to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. commencing at 10am at Norman Road Allotments, with the visit to Nash Gardens to follow on afterwards.

#### 586 NORMAN ROAD AND NASH GARDENS/PROSPECT ROAD ALLOTMENTS

The Senior Administrative Officer informed members that all plots at Norman Road were now taken.

Members were informed that only plot 6 remains vacant at Nash Gardens. This plot is a lot smaller than the average plot size, which is making it more difficult to let out.

Nash Gardens has had a rat problem, which will hopefully be resolved now that a previously vacant site's shed had been removed, which was believed to be housing the rats.

#### 587 **CULMER'S AMENITY LAND**

Cllr D Saunders noted that the new shrub area planted by Broadstairs and St Peter's Town Council is slowly growing with the hope that it will eventually screen the area from the new development.

An inspection of the land will be carried out during the year by the Town Council.

#### 588 **MOCKETT'S WOOD**

i) Members RECEIVED and APPROVED the Inspection Report for Mockett's Wood undertaken by the Town Clerk and the Senior Administrative Officer. Inspections will now take place twice yearly.

ii) It was reported that Mockett's Wood has had a spate of vandalism recently with some trees being cut down by vandals.

The Town Council has asked Invicta Arboriculture to undertake a Management Plan working alongside the Friends of Mockett's Wood.

## 589 PIERREMONT PARK GROUNDS

Members reported that they are unhappy with the formal area in front of Pierremont Hall, which appears drab. Members would like additional colour added to this area, especially during this Jubilee year.

The contractors are to be contacted regarding additional 'colourful' planting in this area.

# 590 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in October 2022 with the date to be confirmed once the calendar of meetings had been drawn up.

Agenda Items to include the Allotment Holders Open Meeting and Budget Preparation for the year 2023-2024.

Meeting Closed at 7.20pm Senior Administrative Officer