

2 FEBRUARY 2012

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the BOARDROOM, PARISH OFFICE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 2 February 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr G H Taylor-Balls (Chairman) Cllr J W McGhee
Cllr A F J Peachey (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Raine
Cllr M J Ball Cllr N A Roman
Cllr T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls Cllr A J Wheble (ex officio)

Also present were: Cllrs B J Sulman and D W Bowman, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs V Shrimpton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllrs J Barker and J M Bloodworth.
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item was reached and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.
4. ALLOTMENT RENTS
It was recommended to confirm pro rata rentals for allotment plots as follows:
 - a) **The Gravel Plot 16 at £40.85 for 11.5 months**
 - b) **Lark Road Plot 16 at £22.50 for 10 months.**
5. GRITSALTING
The report was received.
6. DRAIN COVERS

It was noted that two stolen drain covers in the bell head at Thetford Road cemetery were replaced at a cost of £376.35.
7. TRACTOR

The report and quotations were received. **It was recommended in principle to replace the tractor at a maximum cost of £24, 000 which takes account of trade in allowance for existing tractor.** Quotes for Massey Ferguson and John Deere tractors have been obtained and final price negotiation will take place if purchase is agreed at Council.
8. MEMORIAL TREES

It was recommended to accept the quote for replacement memorial trees in the cemetery from Simpsons Nurseries in the sum of £258.75 per 10 trees.
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO reported a letter requesting permission to keep chickens on a Riverside Allotment. The item will be placed on the agenda of the next General Purposes Committee Meeting for discussion.

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm.