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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF GIFT OF A BURROW FOR ALLOTMENTS HELD AT CULLOMPTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

- GoAB 23/008 Election of Chair.** In the absence of the Chair, Councillor T Spring was elected Chair for this meeting only.
- GoAB 23/009 Apologies for Absences.** to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85\(1\)](#)). Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R Dietrich. Councillor T Spring is elected Chair for this meeting.
- GoAB 23/010 Declaration of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interests made.
- GoAB 23/011 Public Question Time.** The following questions were asked:
- N Middlewick** – Allotment finances. Half plots used to cost exactly half that of a full plot but now cost a bit more. Would like an assurance that the plot reverts to the half-cost policy. A deposit has not been asked for in the past due to the additional administration costs but he feels that it may be beyond the means of some. Concerned that, if somebody takes on a plot part way through the year, they will be charged a full year's rent particularly when the rent has already been paid for. Concern that the Burrow's Field appears to be being lumped in with Council business rather than a stand-alone Trust document.
- Agenda should be worded appropriately in future to ensure that there is a delineation between the Council and the Trustees.*
- GoAB 23/012 Minutes.** To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Gift of A Burrow for Allotment Committee held on 1 June 2023. Adopted.
- GoAB 23/013 Allotment Report.** To receive the update report. Recommendations agreed.
- GoAB 23/014 Finances**
- To consider rent increases to £30 (half-plot) and £50 (full-plot) with effect from 30 September 2024.
RESOLVED that half plot rents increase to £30 for a half plot, and full plot rents increase to £50 but that two half plots are charged as a single and that rents are charged pro-rata if a plot is taken in year.
 - To consider the collection and retention of deposits for new allotment tenants.
RESOLVED that deposits are not collected and retained for new allotment tenants.

3. To approve the transfer of the complete balance of the Gift of A Burrow for Allotments bank account from Natwest Bank plc to Unity Bank.

RESOLVED that the complete balance of the Gift of A Burrow for Allotments bank account is moved from NatWest Bank plc to Unity Bank.

GoAB 23/015 Governance.

1. To consider the co-option of a Trustee from within the Allotment Association and a Trustee who is not a member of the Allotment Association.

RESOLVED that Nigel Middlewick is appointed to the Trustees as a representative of the Allotment Association and that Richard Thorne is nominated as the non-Allotment Association member representative to the Trustees.

2. To consider the adoption of the revised Allotment Policy for the Burrow's Field.

RESOLVED that the Allotment Policy for GoAB is adopted including the offer of quarter plots at a cost of £17.50, the latter subject to consultation with the Allotment Association.

GoAB 23/016 Maintenance. To consider the supply and installation of plot markers at Burrow's Field for ease of identification of allotment plots.

RESOLVED that allotment plot markers are placed in accordance with the Allotment Policy.