

**WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT 19.00 HRS ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021
BUTTS LANE ALLOTMENTS**

In Attendance (a minimum of 3 Councillors must be present for business to be conducted): Cllrs E Houghton (Chair), J Rogers and C Bye,

Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Day and Cllr Wilson

Cllr Rogers declared that her partner had an allotment.

The committee members completed a visual check on each allotment.

A letter from the tenant of allotment 4 (copy will be kept with the minutes) was discussed and the following points discussed by the committee.

1. Non cultivation of allotments.

The committee noted that the tenants of allotments 5a, 5b, 6a and 11 were not adhering to clauses 7a and 7b on the allotment agreement. The clerk explained that one tenant had just handed back 5a and 5b and these had subsequently been let but the new tenants had not had chance to complete the work. It was agreed that the tenants on 6a and 11 should receive a letter requesting work to be completed to bring the allotments to the correct standard within the next 2 months. The clerk would discuss the possibility of reduction to half allotments to the tenants on 2 further allotments.

2. Size of plots

The committee agreed that new allotments holders should initially be offered half allotments.

3. Payment of rent

The annual rent for the Butts Lane allotments was due in April but the rent for the acre allotments and Afterway allotments was due in October. It was decided that this should be reviewed by the full council.

4. Flooding of allotments 3, 4,5 & 6

It was brought to the committee's attention that allotments 3,4,5 and 6 flooded leaving part of the allotments unusable for around 3 months. It was understood that the land was tile drained and that the possible cause of the flooding was a dip in the ground. This would be discussed further.

5. Allotment inspections

It was agreed that the allotment committee should meet annually in September to inspect the allotments.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm