

Arthuret Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022 at 7 pm in the Council Rooms
to discuss Allotment Matters

Present at this meeting. Cllrs Sir J F S Graham (Chair), G. Routledge (vice Chair), L. Mason, C Johanssen, K. Johnstone (Allotment Cttee Vice Chair), P. Illsley, C. Adams and M. Gunson.

Also Allotment Cttee Chair T. Gardner and Secretary K. Johnstone

Apologies were received from the Clerk and reason given.

Minutes were kindly taken by K. Johnstone, at the request of the meeting Chairman

01 The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He raised the concerns that a member of the public had brought forward at a Parish Council meeting and the number of unworked plots. Sir James said that he was also unhappy with the situation on the allotments, and that we need to come up with some solutions. Sir James reminded Allotment Committee members that the Committee was set up to facilitate the smooth running of the allotments and take pressure away from the Parish Council

02 The list of all allotments was then gone through, confirming that plots 3,14,15,16,23,31 and 40 had received letters from the Allotment Committee requesting that their allotment is cleared of any imported rubbish and work to be completed within 28 days of receiving the letter. Thus far, Tenants of plots 3, 23 and 40 have not responded or taken any action.

03 It was confirmed that the Committee are aware of personal reasons why allotments 36, 37 and 69a are not being worked at this time, but hitherto were kept good order.

04 Allotments 25, 29, 30 and 59 are vacant plots that need to be cleared, divided and allocated to new Tenants.

05 Allotment 69 has an ongoing situation which the Committee and Parish Council are aware of. Cllr M Gunson presented a letter to the meeting which had been received by the Committee from an allotment worker concerning this plot. It was of

a confidential and safeguarding nature. The Allotment Committee requested that the Parish Council terminate his Tenancy because of these matters, his lack of work on the plot and the significant importing of rubbish. After a lengthy discussion a majority decision was taken to terminate the tenancy.

06 The meeting discussed plots 3, 23 and 40 and a unanimous decision was taken to formally terminate these tenancies for non working of the plots.

07 The ongoing dispute between plots 25 and 26. Cllr Routledge confirmed that the matter was still with the police, that the Council had no further information and was not involved in the investigation. The tenants of 25 have vacated their allotment and the Committee are in the process of gaining access with care, looking to re-allocation.

08 Cllr Routledge asked how the CCTV was coming on as he felt that it would help to settle a lot of issues and disputes. Cllr Adams confirmed that the cameras had been purchased, that she had started the paperwork and that it was now with the Clerk for completion.

09 The Council agreed with the Committee that any complaints or disputes must be put in writing before they can be addressed.

10 It was confirmed that Tenants of allotments 3, 23, 40 and 69 would receive letters of termination from the Parish Council.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

These minutes were written by K Johnstone, in association with Cllrs G Routledge and M Gunson.