**STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**At an Extraordinary Meeting via ZOOM of the Council held on 22nd April 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr B Thompson,

Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Mrs S Thompson,

Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr L Blackett

Cllr D Craig – Chairman

Susan Anderson – Clerk

**10449**

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mrs H Maddison

**10450**

**Allotment Tenancy Agreement with effect from 1st April 2022**

**Crosshill Allotment Group Concerns**

A discussion took place and it has come to the councillor’s attention that many breaches of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement are taking place. The rules set out in the Agreement must be followed and regular inspections will take place on all six allotment sites. The rules in the Agreement are clear and every tenant must read them and abide by them.

The Tenancy Agreement will be reviewed by the councillors.

 **RESOLVED:**  It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all of the councillors that every individual tenant will be written to on all of the six sites and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement will be enclosed.

**10451**

**Applications for greenhouse, polytunnel, garden shed and hen coup 4-5 hens, hen coup 2 hens.**

All applications were sent to the councillors apart from one which was from 7th April meeting.

**Resolved:** All applications were agreed.

**10452**

**Old Hall Site – Northern PowerGrid**

The plans received from Northern PowerGrid were sent to all of the councillors.

Northern Power Grid agreed that only hens were suitable for the plot and no machinery must never go into the plot. A small hen coup would be suitable but nothing large to be erected. The gate into the plot will be 15m away from the poles. This needs to be written into the tenancy agreement so that in years to come everyone who has that plot knows it is only for hens.

**10453**

**Crosshill Site – Wells**

DCC had not replied to our letter regarding the capping of wells. After a phone call was made DCC do not capp wells as the allotment site belongs to the Parish Council and it is our responsibility. We had a Health and Safety Report done and the wells are shallow water pits. It was advised to have all of the pits surrounded by a 60cm low level wall / barrier to prevent accidental slips into them.

**Fencing:**  The internal fencing on all allotment sites is for the tenants to maintain. The Parish Council is responsible for the perimeter walls/fencing.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to ask S. Makepeace to do the work

**10454**

**Vermin Control**

Vermin Control needs to be written into the Tenancy Agreement that every tenant is responsible for vermin control. There will always be rats where there is poultry, water, feed and huts.

The FOI request was mentioned under this section for advice.

**10455**

**Any other Allotment Business**

The clerk was requested by the councillors to record her hours dealing with allotment issues.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

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