

MINUTES of ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE meeting of 30 March 2021 via Zoom.

Councillors present:

Cllr C Jones (Chair)

Cllr N Hall

Cllr D Rigg

Cllr E Jones (Vice Chair Project Mgr)

Cllr J Matson

Cllr A Riggott

Cllr P Fellows

Cllr K Reed

Officers present:

D Platt, A Platt, A Mayoh

1. Apologies

Received from Councillors A Oddy and S Walker.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Public participation

No members of the public present.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Lease and s106 Update

Councillors had been send a written report updating that, the amended s106 agreement had been signed by the developer and returned to Chorley's Solicitor, who will action the lease on return from annual leave.

6. Drainage Proposal

Details of additional works to the site drainage have been identified following on from the items agreed at the last meeting.

Residents of Sycamore Avenue had been in contact and advised of existing problems with drainage which is causing problems in the culverts which are in their gardens.

It was felt the water from future allotment site is not contributing to the existing problems as it had been draining naturally out of the ditch for many years. The neighbouring development was added in to the water system and this is probably what is causing the increased problems.

Two drainage contractors have inspected the allotment site and advised of alternatives to deal with the water from the allotment site. At the south end of the allotment site it is proposed to increase the length and depth of the current ditch to increase capacity and also increase the capacity of the flood plain area to retain more water on site.

Resolved: Committee agreed the additional works which will bring the cost up to £16,580 for the culverting and land drains to the top of the site and the drain works at the south end of the site to increase water storage capacity.

7. Tender Exercise Progress Update

To reduce costs a number of elements had been removed from the original proposals and the specification rewritten. Companies who had originally tendered for

the work had been notified of perceived excessive costs of certain items including sheds, flags, fencing etc. The revised Tender had been sent to 7 companies and has a closing date of the 16 April.

8. Any other items which need attention or research

Provision of a composting toilet is being investigated which may costs as it will negate the need for a foul drain system and the cabin to require toilets.

9. Date of next meeting

22 April 2021.

Meeting closed 8:10pm