

**HONITON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP**

**Notes of Zoom Meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm**

**Present: Cllr Roy Coombs, Cllr John Taylor, Cllr P Carrigan, T Darrant, Stephen Hill, Heloise Marlow**

**1. Update re site visits on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

RC queried site boundaries and whether some of the land on which the allotments will be site are not in the ownership of Combe Estates? He will forward to HM the map he has obtained for HM to consider.

HM confirming that she had yet to speak with Martin Banks as to how much water he will require on site for the works.

**2. Classification of allotments to be provided – temporary rather than statutory.**

This was discussed. Whilst Members considered the allotments to be statutory SH advising that because the land was leased and because there was a clawback clause in the lease, the allotments should be classified as temporary. It was agreed that allotment holders should know that the allotments could at the end of the lease or even during the lease be rescinded.

Members RESOLVED by 3 votes in favour with 1 abstention to recommend to Full Council that the allotments should be classified as temporary allotments.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

**3. Management of the allotments by an Allotment Association**

The advantages and disadvantages of management by an allotment association versus management by HTC in house were discussed. The allotment association would be made up from the waiting list who need to be written to shortly, firstly to see if those on the list still want a plot, and secondly to see what interest from the waiting list there is to join an allotment association.

Managing the site in house will require further officer time that SH estimated to be on average ½ day per week.

HTC is a member of 2 national allotment associations – could require plot holders to be members?

Cllr Taylor proposed that the allotments be managed by an Allotment Association. This was seconded by Cllr Carrigan but voted against by Cllr Coombs and Terry Darrant.

It was agreed that TD as Chair of the WG had a casting vote, so the motion failed.

TD proposed that the allotments be managed in house which was seconded by Cllr Coombs. Cllr Carrigan voted against the motion. Cllr Taylor abstained.

Resolution: to recommend to Full Council that the allotments be managed in house.

Heloise Marlow

Deputy Town Clerk

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