

MINUTES of the Environment and Planning Committee – 6th November 2008

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would investigate the purchase of a suitably powerful mower for Allum Lane.

Tom Cunningham responded on behalf of the Melrose Road allotment tenants, who had recently held a meeting, making the following points:

- They are grateful for the interest shown by the Town Council in the allotments and thanked the Council for the recent action taken on warnings and evictions.
- Concern was expressed about the combination locks used on the entrance gate, which many of the older tenants found difficult to use.
- Concern was expressed about rubbish being thrown over the boundary fence into the allotments from the new development of homes adjacent to rows C – E. Also, tenants want to know who is responsible for maintaining the boundary fence.
- A notice board in the car park was suggested and also a notice at the entrance gate.

The following action was **agreed**:

- Clerk to find out who owns the development site so that the Council can write to the owners reminding them of their obligations.
- Allotment plots are to be cleared/strimmed by handyman before being handed over to new tenants.
- Clerk to write again to Mr Healy asking him to add topsoil on top of the turf laid in the tyre indentations to fill them level. This is to be done at the earliest opportunity subject to suitable weather and no later than May 2009.

The Clerk briefed the Committee on the current state of the allotments and raised the issue of the agreement with Watford Youth Council.

It was **agreed** that the Watford Youth Council could continue to use the two allotments rent free until the end of February 2009, when the situation would be reviewed.

7 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 21:15 hours.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....