

# NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 12.40pm at Normanton Town Hall

Present: Councillor M Jennings  
Councillor M King  
Councillor B Mayne  
Councillor P Mayne - Chairman  
Councillor A Samuels – Vice Chairman  
Councillor R Seal  
Donna Johnston – Town Clerk & RFO

Absent: Councillor C Appleyard  
Councillor P Marchant  
Councillor T Morgan  
Councillor C Parsons

**083. To receive apologies for absence.**

**RESOLVED:** that apologies for their inability to attend be recorded on behalf of Councillors P Marchant, T Morgan and P Sampson.

**084. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**085. To exclude the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

**RESOLVED:** that the public and press be excluded from the meeting in order to protect the privacy of the appellant.

**086. To consider an appeal against eviction from tenant 74DE0FCE.**

Members considered the written submission from the tenant along with inspection records from 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

The tenant indicated that they wished to retain TWO of their full plots and give up ONE full plot and TWO half plots.

The tenant provided mitigation in respect of their personal issues over the last two years.

Members considered the previous offers and suggestions put forward by the Town Council during that time to assist the tenant in managing their plots effectively. It was noted that the tenant had declined a previous offer to reduce their plots.

An independent inspection had taken place which noted that the plot was not being kept in accordance with the tenancy agreement.

Since the independent inspection, the plots had grown into a state of disrepair. The cart track had not been maintained in accordance with the tenancy agreement and was now impassible. Several plots were significantly overgrown. It was noted that the tenant had recently made an effort to trim an area of one plot.

Members could not support the tenants request to retain two plots due to the condition of the remaining plots that they now intended on giving up.

**RESOLVED:** that the appeal be rejected and the eviction proceeds with the eviction period being 28 days from the date of the notice of the outcome of the appeal.

**087. To appoint three members to an Appeal Sub Committee with delegated authority to continue handling the complaint if required.**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillors E Blezard, J Pritchard and P Sampson be appointed to the Appeal Sub-Committee.

**088. To appoint the Chairman of the Appeal Sub Committee from the appointed members.**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor E Blezard be appointed as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

**089. To consider if an independent person should be appointed to the Appeal Sub Committee as an independent impartial arbitrator.**

**RESOLVED:** that an independent person would be appointed to the Appeal Sub-Committee should a meeting be required. The independent impartial arbitrator would be appointed by the Appeal Sub-Committee.

In the absence of any further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.