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| **Allotment Committee – minutes** |  |  |
| Monday 10th February 2020 via zoom. | Start time: | 19:00 |
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| Present: | ✓ | Cllr. P Turner |  | Cllr. R Davis |
|  | Cllr. Ms J Austen | ✓ | Cllr. Mrs Merricks |
| ✓ | Cllr. Ms E Bradley | ✓ | Cllr. D Smedley |

*Mrs A Evett (Clerk) and Mrs J Cannings (Deputy Clark) in attendance. Members of the public were present.*

1. Jill Halpin and Amanda of Rye Harbour spoke about using the vacant field garden at Rye Harbour as a community garden for young people. The would concentrate on cultivation for cooking healthy foods, exercise and community engagement. They are a small, well qualified group who would like to take this on for benefit of the local community.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms Austen and from Mr Vidler, the Rye Harbour representative.
3. Disclosure of interests. Cllr P Turner disclosed a personal interest as a tenant.
4. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020.
5. Update on waiting lists and new tenants. There are four on the waiting list for the vacant field garden at Rye Harbour, three for an allotment garden at Rye Harbour, one for the Cricket Field, three for Highfords and none for Pear Tree Marsh. There are no recent new tenants.
6. Future of the paddock at Rye Harbour. It was resolved the paddock should be let and that all applicants (on the waiting list) should be asked to outline what they would use the site for. All proposals to be brought back to committee for a decision.
7. Tenants meeting. It was resolved to defer this to the new year.
8. Feedback from the allotment sites.
	1. Rye Harbour – the rubbish heap is getting large and unmanageable. The small works contractor has quoted £950 to remove all the rubbish from site. This includes the hire of a mini digger and all labour costs. It was resolved to proceed with the rubbish clearance and a cost of £950. After clearance the compost site should be moved to near the main entrance.
	2. Thefts have been reported at Rye Harbour and Pear Tree Marsh.
	3. Cricket Field – one plot isn’t being cultivated; the Chairman to supply the Clerk with details for a warning letter. Also ragwort is on one vacant plot, clerk to organise for it to be pulled and the plot cleared.
9. Update on actions. Hogtrough Lane entrance path completed and new tap installed at Cricket Field, The clerk was asked to put up signs about conserving water and that watering should not take place between 11am and 4pm. The Clerk was asked to purchase a combination lock and chain for Cricket Field.
10. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 23rd November 2020 but subject to change.

Meeting closed.