

Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held 25th April 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Council Rooms

Present

Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham, G Routledge, M Gunson, C Adams, L Mason, C Johannsen, K Johnstone,

Apologies

Apologies and reason for absence received from Cllr R Graham.

Minute No. 227

Declaration of

There were none received.

Interest Minute

No 228

Allotments issues

Consideration was given following a report from Allotment Committee members, reporting on behalf of the committee, that the following is addressed.

Minute No 229

- Plot number 59, rent not paid, family have informed of ill health of tenant and unable to work plot. Due to tenancy rules it was agreed to terminate agreement as family are not eligible to continue managing the plot. It was confirmed that all efforts had been taken to communicate with the tenant to no avail.
- Clerk expressed concern of "grey areas" and the importance of all rules being applied to all as some tenants had expressed concerns of the inconsistency in application of tenancy rules by the Allotment Committee. Noted.
- In response to a query from Cllr C Johannsen it was confirmed that families cannot inherit allotments following the demise of the tenant.
- It was agreed, following the chairmans suggestion, that face to face meetings with those not working their plots would be beneficial in addressing and resolving issues.
- Those who are working a plot with only one registered as tenant need to go onto waiting list to help prevent losing plot on demise of named holder.
- Clerk expressed the importance to show compassion in addressing many issues, important from a parish council perspective.
- Cllr G Routledge asked how many plots have been allocated this last year - A - nil.
- The mechanism of couples going onto list as joint tenancy and publicising this in future important to avoid unnecessary distress.
- Plot Number 69, agreed to issue further, final letter and if

no response invite the tenant to have a meeting with Chair and Vice Chair to try to resolve issues. If still not resolved a letter be issued to vacate in 28 days of receipt of letter.

- Following a long discussion, and a number of comments noted, it was agreed to await the police investigation and report of the allegations of a past tenant towards a current tenant. It is noted a number of concerns were raised by councillors and caution to be taken on how to address this issue.

