



# ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

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## Notes of Allotment Committee Surgery

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### Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday, 6 April 2017

### Place

Town Council Office, 66C High Street, Andover

### Attendees:

#### Town Council Representatives

CLlr K Hughes – Chairman (P)	CLlr A Cotter – Vice Chair (P)	CLlr V Pond (P)
CLlr R Rowles – (A)	CLlr C Bartholomew (P)	CLlr R Kidd (A)
CLlr L Gregori – (P)	CLlr B Long (P)	CLlr G McBride (A)

### Officers Present:

Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk) (P) (taking minutes)

Tor Warburton (Committee Officer) (P) (training)

### Other Town Councillors Present:

CLlr L Gates

### Borough Councillors:

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### Allotment Wardens Present:

0

### Allotment Holders Present:

0

### Members of the Public Present:

0

### Allotment Holders Surgery

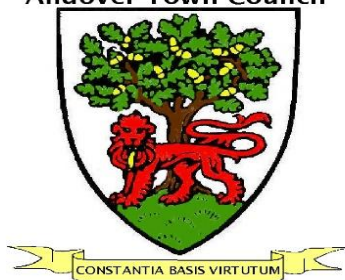
CLlr K Hughes (Chairman) opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed all attendees.

### The Chairman

Asked if anyone had any suggestions, questions or concerns. As there were no members of the public present surgery was closed at 7.08pm

CLlr L Gates indicated that he wished to speak on Item 6 of the agenda. The Chairman agreed to allow CLlr Gates to speak during the meeting.

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# Minutes of Allotments Committee

**Time and date**

7.08pm on Thursday, 6 April 2017

**Place**

Town Council Offices, 66C High Street, Andover

Attendees:

Cllr K Hughes – Chairman (P)	Cllr A Cotter – Vice Chair (P)	Cllr V Pond (P)
Cllr R Rowles – (A)	Cllr C Bartholomew (P)	Cllr R Kidd (A)
Cllr L Gregori – (P)	Cllr B Long (P)	Cllr G McBride (A)

Other Town Councillors Present:

Cllr L Gates

Officers Present:

Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk) (P) (taking minutes)

Tor Warburton (Committee Officer) (P) (training)

Allotment Wardens Present:

None

AC 46/16	Apologies	Action
	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Rowles and Cllr R Kidd.	
AC 47/16	Declarations of interest	Action
	Cllr B Long declared an interest in Item 6 as she is a Trustee of Andover Trees United. Cllr C Bartholomew declared an interest in Item 6 as she is a Member of Andover Trees United.	
AC 48/16	Minutes	Action
	The Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on the 19 January 2017 were received and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr L Gregori. A vote was taken: 5 for and 1 abstention due not being present at the previous meeting. <b>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on the 19 January 2017 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record</b>	
AC 49/16	Allotment Accounts	Action
	Noted. The Town Clerk pointed out that there is still one month's accounts to be received but that the income is significantly up.	<b>TC to reallocate, within the Allotment Budget the Budget Head to better reflect expenditure.</b>

	<p>Cllr K Hughes proposed that the accounts and budget heads be re-allocated within the Allotment Budget to better reflect true expenditure and Cllr C Bartholomew seconded.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the accounts and budget heads be re-allocated, within the Allotment Budget to better reflect true expenditure.</b></p>	
<b>AC 50/16</b>	<b>Rules &amp; Regulations for keeping Chickens</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>It was proposed by Cllr K Hughes that the Rules and Regulations for keeping chickens be accepted and sent to chicken keepers on the allotments. Cllr A Cotter seconded.</p> <p>Cllr B Long requested an amendment as the first three regulations were not numbered. No seconder received.</p> <p>The original proposal was returned and a vote taken: 5 for and 1 abstention.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: that the Rules and Regulations for keeping chickens be accepted and sent to chicken keepers on the allotments.</b></p>	<b>AO to send out Rules and Regulations for keeping chickens to chicken keepers on allotments.</b>
<b>AC 51/16</b>	<b>Request for Oversized Polytunnel</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>It was agreed by the Committee at the last meeting that this poly tunnel request could be approved by the Officers if it fitted within permitted sizes. It was subsequently found that it exceeded permitted sizes so the Officers brought it back in front of the Committee for a decision.</p> <p>Cllr L Gates declared an interest as he used to be a Trustee of Andover Trees United (ATU). Cllr L Gates stated that tree whips could not be grown in a poly tunnel. Cllr L Gates stated that the Committee should not go against its own rules and that the request should be referred back for further evidence.</p> <p>Cllr Bartholomew commented that she had sent an email to them to ask them not to put it up.</p> <p>Cllr B Long stated grave concerns and reminded the Committee that she is still a Trustee for Andover Trees United. Cllr B Long commented that more supporting evidence was required as to why they needed a large polytunnel and that the polytunnel is for wild flower seedlings – not tree whips. Cllr B Long felt that if this poly tunnel was allowed it would set a precedent for other allotment holders.</p> <p>Cllr K Hughes (Chairman) stated that the poly tunnel was against Rules and Regulations and therefore he would be reluctant to approve.</p> <p>Cllr C Bartholomew requested to read email as supporting evidence from Andover Trees United (attached), which was done.</p> <p>Cllr K Hughes proposed, that whilst sympathetic to the aims of ATU, the request for the erection of an oversized poly tunnel be rejected for the reason that it did not fit within the Rules and Regulations but that they would be allowed one that did fit within the size</p>	<b>AO to contact ATU to inform them the oversized polytunnel was not permitted but that one, within size regulations could be erected.</b>

	<p>permutations set out by the Rules and Regulations. Cllr V Pond seconded the proposal.</p> <p>A vote was taken: 4 For and 2 Abstentions. The vote was carried.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: that the request for the erection of an oversized poly tunnel be rejected for the reason that it does not fit within the Rules and Regulations but that Andover Trees United would be allowed one that did fit within the size permutations set out by the Rules and Regulations.</b></p>	
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The Chairman closed the meeting at. 7.50pm

Chairman

Date