



Minutes of the Land & Property Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 20:32h

At Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, High Burton, Huddersfield, HD8 0QT

Present: Cllr B Armer in the Chair.

Cllrs: R Bray, R Burton, J Cowan, D Hardcastle, B Smith, C Voyce and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in attendance: Ms A Greenwood

MIN LP36: Apologies.

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs P McGleenan and C Walters.

MIN LP37: Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

MIN LP38: Public participation

No members of the public were present.

MIN LP39: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in private session, due to the confidentiality of matters to be discussed.

MIN LP40: Grange Moor plot 15

Resolved: to exclude press and public.

Cllr Armer reported that plot 15 had seen some cultivation work take place since the Land and Property Committee meeting of 18 September 2025, but that he would expect a greater portion of the plot to be cultivated.

Cllr Bray asked after the law governing allotment cultivation. The Clerk explained that the relevant legislation was the Allotments Act 1922 and how it defined an "allotment garden."

Cllr Burton expressed the view that there were two interlinking matters presented: one, the matter of the under-cultivation of plot 15 itself and two, the necessity for the Council to express its expectations of cultivation clearly to tenants.

Cllr Cowan asked whether the tenant of plot 15 had ever paid a deposit. The Clerk explained that the plot had been rented for a peppercorn rent two years prior with the understanding that re-cultivation would take place, and previous practice had been to not charge a deposit until the plot converted into full price tenancy.

Both Cllrs Smith and Voyce expressed concern at a Council allotment plot going under-cultivated when there were waiting lists for both sites.

Cllr Armer stated it was his intention as Chair of the Committee to schedule a review of the tenancy agreements, and that expectations regarding cultivation would be proposed as part of this.

Resolved: to accept the tenant's surrendering of the lease and give notice to vacate by 1 January 2025.

Resolved: to readmit press and public.

MIN LP41: Date of next meeting

Resolved: that the Committee Chairman will liaise with the clerk to set a date for the next meeting.

The Committee Chair closed the meeting at 20:50h.