

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council Agricultural Holdings Committee held on 6th October 2014 in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

Present: Councillors A Hood, K Green, A Ince, T Jones, and Co-opted member M.Rees.
In attendance: John Farrell (Clerk).

350/14 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Bradley.

351/14 Declarations of interest. Cllr. Ince declared an Other Discloseable Interest on all Agenda items.

352/14 Dispensations. Cllr. Ince has an existing dispensation which has been previously approved

353/14 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 2nd July 2013 were approved.

354/14 Tenancy Agreements

The Committee noted that the 13 Farm Business Tenancies had now been issued to the existing Allotment holders in substitution of the current agreements. The initial rent had been set at £85/acre by Council previously. This would be effective from 30th September 2014. The annualised income from the FBTs will be £6,807 an increase of £800 from the former allotment agreements. The rents are reviewable every third year. The clerk advised the Committee that 12 months notice of a change in the rental amount is required to be given to the tenants.

355/14 Hedge Cutting

The Committee noted that there were cases where hedges were looking overgrown at this time of year. The Committee recommended that individual issues should be addressed by the clerk sending a suitable letter. It was felt that tenants generally attend to hedge trimming once the legal time constraints to protect nesting birds had past.

356/14 Any other Agricultural Holdings items:

The farm walk arranged for 6th October had been cancelled due to heavy rain and the Committee agreed to re-arrange this for 15th October 2014.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Signed.....Chairman