



**Humber Avenue Community Allotments
Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 15th November 2022 @ 11am to 12.30pm
Durrington Community Centre Room 2**

Present

Peter Davey (PD)
Ruth Allan (RA)
Ken Oakley (KO)
Christine Busfield (CB)
Judy Kara (JK)
Terry Smith (TS)
Malcolm Hedger (MH)

Apologies

Hilary Gribble

Invited but did not attend

Roy Olliver

Terry Smith was invited to chair the meeting and accepted.

TS started by outlining the current situation and asked the meeting to stay focused on the main issue and hold broader issues until later.

TS then referred to the legal documents that govern the framework in which HACA operates. These being the Article of Association and the Constitution.

TS and PD then went through the timeline of events from Wednesday 26th October 2022 until the current time. Key milestones noted as follows:

- 27th October 2022 Conflict between two plot holders who were volunteering on the community plot. This resulted in one plot holder leaving site in a very distressed state. The situation was not handled by the HACA Chair to the satisfaction of the HACA Company Secretary who told the remaining plot holder that he was out of order and acted in a discriminatory manner. TS then verbally tendered his resignation as Company Secretary as he felt that Humber Avenue was unmanageable due to discriminatory behaviour of almost all kinds by plot holders. Later that day a written resignation was sent to the HACA Chair. *(This was never acknowledged and registration at*

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Companies House was never terminated. Thus TS remained Company Secretary) TS position of HACA Director was never terminated

- TS then commenced the transfer of Company Secretary information to the Chair.
- 28th October 2022 TS received an email from the HACA Chair stating that he would have a chat the following week. Despite seeing TS on site several times the following week no attempt was made to set up the chat.
- On the same day Malcolm Hedger tendered his resignation as Project Co-ordinator to the HACA Chair. This has never been acknowledged or accepted by the HACA Chair.
- PD continued to communicate with TS endeavouring to move things forward. When PD asked the HACA Chair when he was going to speak to TS the reply was "When I am ready"
- 7th November 2022 PD requests a directors meeting which was subsequently arranged for Saturday 12th November 2022.
- On the morning of the meeting there was an exchange of emails regarding the meeting agenda
- At this point a copy of the Directors Meeting Minutes were circulated to all present. The following extract is most relevant:

PB responded that he was prepared to stand down at the AGM in 2023 as should the other Directors.

TS responded that he had at this moment in time no intention of standing down and acting as ghost directors until the next AGM was not the way forward. TS then repeated the request for PB to stand down as a Director and Chair of HACA.

PB then stated that he would resign as chair and director of HACA. At which point he left the meeting.

Shortly after PB returned to request that his registration at Companies House as a Director of HACA was removed. (This was subsequently done by TS later in the day)

- PD then added further details and background information. He also shared the contents of a text he received from Peter Brereton 10 minutes prior to commencement of the meeting.



All attending were then asked for their views and proposals for a way forward.

The consensus of opinion was that Peter Brereton had resigned and that the actions taken to date were in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Constitution.

TS and MH were both asked if they were prepared to continue as Company Secretary and Project Co-ordinator. They both confirmed that they would dependant on who took the role of Chair. (Subsequently they confirmed their positions)

All were asked if they were prepared to take the Chair role. Following discussion JK was nominated and seconded by all present.

RA raised the issue of only having 2 Directors. Discussion led to CB offering to join JK as a Director. This was agreed by all present.

PD said he would reply to the communication that he received just prior to commencement of the meeting from PB.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30