

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Members – Graham Betts, Shirley Bury, Steve Bury, Simon Gee, Robin Guest and Councillors Rosemary Gilligan and Annie Keen

In attendance: Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council

01/080621. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from member Steve Shelton and Councillor Natalie Susman

02/080621. Declarations of Interests – There were none

03/080621. Minutes of Allotment Committee Meeting held on 4th March 2021

AGREED that the minutes of the meetings held on 4th March 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

04/080621. Matters arising from the above minutes.

Tree planting – the meeting **AGREED** to go back to Woodland Trust to receive the trees in November. SG **AGREED** to look into the Queen’s Jubilee tree planting initiative.

05/080621. Agree New Committee Member

The Committee welcomed new member Mr Graham Betts. It was **AGREED** the Clerk would write to Billie Sandhu who has not attended a meeting for over a year and inform her that she has been removed as a committee member. The meeting went on to **AGREE** to change to membership of the committee to 6 allotment holders and remove the horticultural society member as the society is being disbanded.

SG informed the meeting that he is happy to run the sheds which will be empty and to buy products that have been ordered by the allotment holders. The meeting also discussed the possibility of installing a toilet in the shed and perhaps hosting family fun days.

06/080621. Poly Tunnels – Results of Survey

The meeting NOTED the results of the survey, which were:-

- 1 No change to the current conditions of tenancy regarding polytunnels = **3**
- 2 Cloches up to 1 metre in height = **17**
- 3 Poly tunnels on individual plots. A 2 x 2meter poly tunnel would be allowed on a 5-pole plot and a 2 x 4 metre poly tunnel would be allowed on a 10-pole plot. The standard height of a poly tunnel being 2 Metre = **25**

The meeting discussed the fact that there will need to be strict directives on what is allowed to be put up at the allotments, for example if it gets into disrepair they will need to be taken down. R.G **AGREED** to police this.

The clerk will pull together a letter, stating the results of the survey, specifying what they can erect, with suggested prices (that will be supplied by committee members)

07/080621. Poor condition of plots that are not cultivated

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that:-

Plot 41B Will be informed that she can keep the trees if they remain withing the 1.5 meter height limit

6 month probation letter and warning to be sent to plots 33, 46 and 20A

Warning letters to be sent to:-

Plot 1
Plot 7
Plot 15A
Plot 26

Overgrown Tree letters to be sent to:-

Plots 14 & 15
Plot 41A
Plot 45
Plot 40D

RG to look at structure on plot 34A

08/080621. Poor drainage in the middle area

No update. Clerk to chase HBC

09/080621. Conditions of Tenancy before October 2021

The meeting **AGREED** that amendments to Conditions of Tenancy and the covering letter will be made before renewals are sent out in October 2021.

10/080621. Signs for Mick's Memorial Plot

The meeting discussed the memorial plot. A suggestion of a bench on the plot was made, it was also suggested to turn it back into a rentable plot. It was **AGREED** that SG will put a WhatsApp message out asking for help to maintain the plot.

11/080621. Hire of large skip for one or two days

The clerk will ask Cllr W Susman to again arrange a skip for mid July for 2 days, during the week.

12/080621. Water Supply

Following a lengthy discussion the meeting **AGREED** that more water butts were needed. RG will look into the cost of replacing the water pipe via the water board

13/080621. Any Other Business (subject to Chair's discretion)

- The clerk will ask if there is a Public Right of Way through the allotments
- Clerk to ask HBC about bonfires
- Clerk to chase gate letters
- The next meeting will be arranged for **Thursday 23rd September 2021 7.30pm**

Clerk to the Council