



Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee Held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

Present:

Committee:

Kirsty Robinson-Ward, Josh Robinson-Ward, James Tappin, Johanna Hoffbeck, Fergus Lapage

WPC Representatives: Ian Hill, Roger Beattie

Officer: Kristina Tynan

19/22 Apologies for Absence

Gerald Short, Gill Bindoff

20/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

21/22 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the 4th April 2022 to be agreed as a correct record and they were signed by KRW.

22/22 Management Issues

- **Communal shed/toilet update** – This has now been installed. There will be notices displayed on how they should be used. There have been volunteers to be part of the team to check on this and the toilet should be left as it was found. There will be an agreement that needs to be signed if plot holders wish to use the lawnmower.
- **Road repairs** – The Doris Field organisation have given a grant of £500 towards these. A quote to do the works would be £2K for 45 tonnes of gravel. JT said the potholes should be filled in then a membrane put down before the gravel. Martin Ford has a friend who will level the middle of the road.
- **Preserve sale report** – KRW reported that this went very well and raised £340.71. All the preserves were sold, and George's dibbers sold well. She thanked Johanna for the poster which was wonderful. There will be a piece in the Watlington Times.
- **Back Fence Repairs** – The contractors who are putting in the MUGA have reinforced the fence.
- **Bike stand at school end gate** – JRW has put in a stand.
- **Gate 'Stoppers'** – RB will look to get something suitable from an agricultural shop.
- **Quarterly newsletter** – This will be coming out shortly. It was suggested that an edited version be put into the Watlington Times.

- **Plot availability Update** – It was noted that Plots 60 and 114 have been given a final warning. As no work has been done since the warning, termination letters will be sent out. There are 4 people on the waiting list and there are 3 plots available. There was discussion on whether there should be a maximum size allowed per person.
- **Hazels and hedge cutting** – This will be done in Feb/March 2023
- **General Maintenance**
Love Lane Cut through – It was noted that the privet will grow back. The Elders have been treated. We may have to do this again in March.
- **Love Lane Road Entrance Idea** – JRW suggested that we clear it and put in some bulbs and install the noticeboard that George has made in that location.

23/22 Applications for structures

One application has been received from Roly Bowden, to move the greenhouse from plot 69 to Plot 21. This was agreed subject to it being moved from plot 69 and erected on plot 21 by 31/12/2022. It was agreed that we review the tenancy agreement so that plot holders either leave a structure on the plot or take it away. They should not be able to gift it to other plot holders.

24/22 Allotment Finances

1 Budget Update 2022/2023 and Financial Information

KT provided the following update.

	2022/2023	
	to 29th Nov 2022	
Expenditure		
Water	£	-
Gas		
Shed Project	£	1,476.60
Troughs for Allotment	£	257.18
Compostable Toilet	£	1,126.46
Taps/Tape		
Annual Subs Allotment Soc	£	55.00
Lawnmower	£	374.17
Path Levelling	£	120.00
Misc	£	21.39
Expenditure	£	3,430.80
Income		
Allotment Rents	£	1,322.28
Water Contribution		
Grants SODC /Doris Field	£	1,262.00
Fundraising	£	579.60
sub-total	£	3,163.88
Income - Expenditure		-266.92

It was noted that a grant had been received for the compostable toilet in the last financial year and therefore is not shown in this years accounts.

2. **Any items that need to be purchased** – The lawnmower has been purchased.

3. **Rents** – These were due on 1st October 2022 – Most rents have been collected. There was no increase for 22/23 but this will be reviewed for October 2023.

Individual plot rents need review - many are incorrect for plot sizes. JT offered to do measure the sizes of the plots.

25/22 Any other Business

Gardening for the disabled

RB asked if we should be investigating putting in some raised beds so that disabled people could grow thing easily. It was thought that this should definitely be looked into. RB said that there would be grants available to do this. We will need to do some research on this.

It was also suggested that we have more of a connection with the schools in having site visits etc. They could also have their own gardening club. Johanna said she would be happy to be involved in this.

Seed Swaps – There are still free packets of organic seeds available in the Library.

26/22 Date of Next Meeting

There will be a meeting February/March 2023. Date will be sent out.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.34