

Meeting: CLAPHAM PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE
5th February 2024 at 5.00pm

Committee Members in attendance: Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) - Chair
Cllr Eric Cooper (EC)
Sandra Fuller (SF) – Chair, Allotment Association
Carole Darnell (CD) – Secretary, Allotment Association

Apologies received: None.

Non-attendance: Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT)

Clerk to the Council: Rosemary Plum (RP)

Public Attendance: None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

EC – Allotment holder

SF – Allotment holder

CD – Allotment holder

3. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

- I. Recruit additional Parish Councillor to join the Committee. RP
- II. Add "Parking at own risk" signs. RP
- III. Clearance of rubbish in bags on the plot along boundary of Millennium Park on plot.
- IV. Create a proposal for Parish Council to allow one stand tap on-site principally to support Health & Safety with clean water in the event of an accident. EC

6. Allotment Association Report

- a) General Update

- I. Compliments from Oakley Resident who has joined Association. Very impressed with Trading Hut and management of the area. Testament to the work of the whole Association.
- II. Need to finish pub sign when weather improves.
- III. Thanks given to IG for his excellent presentation at the Parish Council meeting regarding FP14 fencing.

b) NAS Membership Process

Nothing to report.

c) Association Bank Account – update

- £205 in a/c at today's date.
- Had delivery of 40-50 bags of compost to be paid for.
- Good first day trading at hut with £60 takings.
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d) Water Containers – update

Continues to be work in progress.

e) Association Events

- Association and members will be involved in/judging at Clapham Show on 7th September.
- Craft fair planned on allotments in May/June to include barbecue.

7. Parish Council Report

a) Update from Chair of Allotment Committee

- Positive outlook with Parish Council giving favourable consideration to moving forward with the FP14 fencing project.
- £10k allocated in Parish Council precept for fencing project, subject to grant funding to cover 75% of the total cost.

b) Update from Clerk

- Grant opportunity identified and paperwork will be passed to Allotment Association for completion.
- 2 x Calor Gas heaters for trading hut will be provided free of charge.
- RP will get additional fencing quotes from a Sam Helliwell fencing contractor.

8. Security

a) Grant funding application update

See Item 7 above.

9. Site maintenance

a) Ground clearance for new plots – update

- RP has received quotes.
- Expecting to get 30 plots cleared in the immediate future.
Get land to a point where tenants can dig and start planting.
- 8 tenants on waiting list.

b) Tree maintenance – update

Work being carried out later this month

c) Kings Ditch – update

Work being carried out later this month

Wood chippings to be left in another place in future as taking up parking spaces.

10. Buildings Maintenance

a) Update

Ongoing. Paint has lifted on newly painted floor – EC will rectify.

11. Health & Wellbeing Plot

a) Update

- With better weather approaching, IG will get project going again and will start work on-site.
- Quotes have been requested for concrete.
- SF has secured several hours of contractor labour free of charge from Pinnacle Contractors.
- There is a requirement for smaller plots.

12. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th March 5.00pm

Committee Room, Clapham Village Hall

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 6.25pm

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	4 th March 2024

Chair