

Meeting: Allotment Committee Meeting
4th December 2024 at 5pm

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

Apologies received:

Non-attendance: Cllr. Charlie Tomkins

Clerk to the Council: Rosemary Plum (RP)

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr. Eric Cooper (EC)
- Sandra Fuller (SF), Chair of Allotment Association
- Carole Darnell (CD), Secretary of Allotment Association

1. Open Forum

- I. Thanks and recognition to all those involved with last Saturday's open event for Parish Councillors. Excellent event and Association were pleased with attendance.
- II. Suggestions for a Craft Fair in June.
- III. Plot holder asked for reconsideration of 50% discount or higher rates for non-residents.
- IV. One plot holder not happy about increase to £30 in 18mnths time. Consider rent review in future before April 2024. EC to research rates in other areas. EC

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were approved as a true reflection of the meeting.

Proposed: Sandra Fuller

Seconded: Carole Darnell

3. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

NAS membership fees – update spreadsheet and agree process.

Car parking – dog park users parking within the allotments site. Plot holders should approach in the first instance.

Trading hut - parking at your own risk sign.

More information on the vehicle of aggressive person.

4. Allotment Association Report

a) Update

b) Insurance

- SF looked into insurance around creation of disability plot. No mention in policy and we will be covered under this policy.
- £451.60 per year – and will need written confirmation from Parish Council confirming Assoc manages the site. This will cover all members of the committee, third party etc. SF/RP
- We already have PC insurance. Does it cover trading hut contents? RP
- Put up signs about parking at own risk. RP

5. Health & Wellbeing Plot

a) Update

- IG will distribute further info. Pathways need to be concrete or tarmac. Slabs tend to become uneven over time. Concrete will be cheapest solution. DDA rules need to be followed. IG
- Need to create group of volunteers to dig out paths and help building infrastructure. Feb/March suitable weather and launch plots in late spring.
- IG will project manage. IG

6. Vandalism

- Quiet at the moment. Need to keep on this Agenda.

a) Fencing update

- Presentation distributed to PC meeting. RP
- Will have to go through procedural systems approval for inclusion in annual precept for proposed expenditure.

7. Site maintenance

a) Tree maintenance – update

- RP to get updated plan from Jack RP
- Clear ground for plot preparation – RP to enquire with Jack RP

8. Buildings Maintenance

a) Update

- I. Pub sign – village residents' family has created artwork for the sign and will speak to people at Charles Wells to

get the sign produced. Plaque will be added in memory of resident.

- II. Very informative board on refurbishment. Thanks to everyone for their support in doing the work.
- III. Rear end of trading hut still to be completed. Work will be done over coming months.
- IV. Investigate costs and options for putting solar panels on the trading hut.
- V. Heating needed for trading hut in future.

9. Pest Control

- a) Update
Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business

- I. Water supply – Work in progress with EC
- II. Clapham Events Committee meeting 26th January – invite Bob Wickens. Association needs to think about it wants to be involved.
- III. Add events as a regular item.
- IV. Feb 3rd – planned opening of trading hut. Is it too early?
- V. Should we have an Allotment Open Day? Maybe same day as Clapham Show?
- VI. Plan a Pub Quiz to raise funds for Disability Plot on 10th Jan and invite a Parish Council team.
- VII. Invoices all done – Scribe sorted – raise with PC meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th February 5.00pm
Committee Room, Clapham Village Hall