

Bidford On Avon Allotment Association

Allotment Committee meeting 3rd October 2021, held at the tennis club lounge

Attendees: Malcolm Dewsbury, John Sandle, Phil Withers, Sue Reeves, Wayne Gould, Alison Giles, Heather Blake, Angie Deacon,

Apologies: Kirsty Bax, Joy Keeley

1. Previous minutes

Minutes of meeting held 03.10.21 proposed Wayne Gould, seconded Sue Reeves Treasurer's report:

- a) Bank statement: £2,583.05
- b) Rent outstanding: £33.26
- c) Payments due to Parish Council: £664.79
- d) Costs to allotment: £0.00
- e) Association monies: £1,800.51

2. Allocation status and tenancies

10 on waiting list

4 allocated

0 upsize

1 extra plot created – B Rainbow

3. Tenant Issues

R2: a letter was posted to Joy after we spent some time finding out where she had moved to, we received a terse response via email the next day explaining that she would be off the plot before the 30th October. Plot now cleared awaiting a bonfire and rotavating

R7A2 – plot has shown no improvement, no communication since August

R122 – some of the plot has been cleared and plans to cover the ground over winter, fresh start in the spring.

4. Plot inspections:

- a) Watch – 6
- b) Eviction – 1

5. Security:

No issues

6. Next Inspection:

12th March 2022, 10.30am cemetery gates, plot inspections to be published on all notice boards as the 2nd Sunday of the month, March - October

AOB:

- Template letters to tenants need to be reviewed and streamlined. AG/PW
- Watch list system needs to move to an immediate 'encouragement' letter so that plot holders are aware we are keeping a watch on their garden, just watching these plots leaves the plot holder unaware they are being scrutinised.

- Tenancy Agreement appendix has now been agreed by the committee and PC and will be emailed out to all existing plot holders, appendix will now be added to the agreement for all new plot holders.

- MD – After a few incidents where access to water is difficult, he has approached the PC to look at installing stand pipes along the 'back track' to give access to water for those plots who struggle at the moment. The PC have responded and initial responses indicate that it will be too expensive to do this. PW asked about the ring-fenced allotment monies being used for these works. AD commented that plot holders should use the mulching technique to better hold moisture in the ground, and that as much rain water should be recovered and stored. All committee members agreed but commented that in high summer that simply isn't enough due to the high run off from the ground mostly due to it's proximity to the river. PW/WG to investigate practicality and costs to 'piggy back supplies from existing standpipes and check for pressure loss across the system.

- Insurance – 'PC has insurance to cover any liability which may arise out of their ownership of the allotments, but plot holders own house insurance should cover any liabilities caused by their negligence. If plot holders are not insured then they will be personally liable.

- SR: Second bank account required to hold deposits in, SR to go to Lloyds to set this up and name it security deposit - ongoing

- SR: to take Nick off of bank account as no longer on association - ongoing

- MD to be added onto the allotment bank account as a signatory - ongoing

Date of next meeting 12th March – Tennis Club lounge