

Allotment committee meeting: 13th December 2022

Attendees:

April Webb

Jackie Williams

Paul Hulbert

Kirsty Bax

Apologies:

Wayne Gould

Items of discussion:

4 out of 7 members attended, rules of meetings read and this forms a quorum therefore meeting continued.

General discussion held around the allotment site, who the land belonged to, where the agreement between Bidford PC and the association came from and gaining evidence of this for our records. Also discussed the working relationship between the committee and PC.

Action – April to see what she can find in the land registry to support the designation of land the allotments are occupying.

National Allotment Association Membership:

As part of the NAA we are entitled to a discount at Kings Seeds although for this we need a seed secretary.

Action - April volunteered to be the designated person and will look at next steps for being able to offer this to the allotment holders in 2023

We also went through the other perks of being part of the NAA and the need to change the names of the committee with them.

Action – Kirsty to email NAA

Site discussion:

Kirsty went through the allotment map with the new committee members and spoke about plots which are currently empty, those which caused some concern in 2022 and others which are the discussion points for downsizing in 2023. Also discussed was the potential to use a current vacant plot as a community plot, to be used as an area for storing mulch/ woodchip/ manure for members to be able to 'buy by the barrow' and use on their plots. There is also a shed on the plot in discussion therefore this could be used as a 'swap shop' type area. Further discussions to be had and check with adjacent plot holders if this is acceptable to them (as they share a path/ common gate into the plot)

As a group we would like to build the community aspect of the association and a central plot would start this, but also discussed the potential for annual awards (i.e. best newcomer/ smartest plot/ biggest produce etc), annual BBQ etc.

A potential site toilet was raised at the AGM, discussion around whether this could be placed on the community plot however there are some concerns over who the maintenance will fall on.

Action - Need to hire a skip – the community lot has a lot of clearing required of glass/ old items and we will need a skip to complete this work.

Election of committee positions:

April and Paul both stated they cannot take on the roles which require a lot of input currently due to personal time limitations therefore the below has been proposed:

Chair – Paul Hulbert

Vice Chair - TBC

Treasurer – Jackie Williams

Plot Liaison – Phil Withers, to be supported by April Webb who will also offer specialised knowledge where appropriate

Secretary – Kirsty Bax

General Member – Wayne Gould and Wayne Gibson (need direct contact details)

These are to be confirmed by a meeting with the full group in early 2023.

Action – Kirsty to organise the next meeting to confirm these positions.

Additional info:

Proposed inspection dates 2023:

March 5th

April 2nd

May 7th (do we want to move as this is the coronation?)

June 4th

July 2nd

August 6th

September 3rd

October 1st

Meeting in the cemetery carpark at 9.30 for all of these.

Decision to be made where to hold the committee meetings following these walkarounds in the week post inspection.