

MINUTE 35T

A meeting of the Allotment Management Committee and the Garden Allotment Tenants was held at The British Legion, Long Lane on Monday the 28th day of NOVEMBER 2022 – commencing 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey (Chairman), Mrs Arnold, Mr Fenn, Mr Lambert and Mr Rayner. Also present 2 tenants (Mrs Garland and Miss Pollard).

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Mr Cole/Miss Smith and Ms Brown.

MINUTES of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed & duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Vermin Control – No current issues.
2. Knotweed – Mr Storey said both Mr Cock and Mr Fenn continued to monitor the knotweed which had not encroached any further.
3. Entrance to Allotments – Mr Storey thanked Mr Lambert for filling in the dip in the corner of the allotments near Hythe Road.
4. Allotment Husbandry – Mr Storey said the Committee had carried out monthly walkabouts and letters had been sent where necessary. He appreciated that other factors could contribute to untidy allotments and said it is not always the individual's fault and the Committee try to treat tenants fairly. Mrs Garland asked if the Committee would consider allowing tenants to have wilding areas but Mr Storey felt the allotments were a provision for husbandry only. Mrs Garland said wilding areas attracted insects which improve food production but whilst Mr Storey appreciated this, he felt wilding areas were not for all and as the allotments are situated so close to each other, they could pose problems for neighbouring tenants. He thanked those tenants present for their efforts with their allotments over the past few months.
5. NCC 1 Million Trees Project – Mr Storey said this had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting in May and the public orchard idea had been shelved.
6. Tenant's Suggestion re The Food Pantry – Mr Fenn said he had met two people from The Food Pantry at the allotments but heard nothing since and neither had the Clerk. Mrs Garland was surprised and said she would speak to them.
7. Boundary – Mr Storey said the Committee had discussed this matter with the landowner and it is ongoing at present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. Future Plans – Mr Storey said the Committee had put together a plan to combat the problem of having too many vacant allotments and the financial cost to maintain them, and that tenants affected would be asked to attend a meeting in early Spring. He said it was nothing to worry about and would only go ahead if those tenants agreed with the plan.
9. CCTV – Mrs Garland asked if all tenants with CCTV could ensure the cameras are trained onto their own property only. Clerk to email tenants.

Meeting declared closed 7.52 pm