

## Wanborough Parish Council

### Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm

**Present:** Bob Biggs (Chair), Dave Hayward, Donna Stalker (Parish Councillors), Rosemary Savage (Allotment rep).

**In attendance:** Angela Raymond (Clerk), 4 members of public

Minute Ref  
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1. Apologies: Joe Smith (Parish Councillor), Derek Benfield (Covingham Parish Councillor)
2. Declaration of Interest: Dave Hayward declared an interest as he is an allotment holder.
3. Minutes of last meeting: All agreed, nothing raised from the minutes of the last meeting

#### Meeting adjourned for public questions

An allotment holder asked if the small plot nearest to the car park, that has recently been given up, could be converted to a manure and wood bark area. She stated that other allotment sites have this and it would be beneficial for all allotment holders.

Bob Biggs confirmed that the allotment committee have spent a considerable amount of money removing the previous manure pile that was causing problems. He did not want to start a new manure area. Bob Biggs suggested that if allotment holders need manure then they should arrange their own delivery.

Dave Hayward confirmed that the allotment plot that she is referring to has already been re-let to someone else so it's not available for other things.

An allotment holder has noticed that there are a considerable number of allotments that are not being worked and asked what the procedures are for these allotment holders.

Bob Biggs confirmed that he is aware of a few problems and these are due to be discussed this evening. Procedures are a warning letter, giving them 1 month to respond and bring the allotment back to a better condition, if nothing is done then their agreement will be terminated.

#### 4. Allotment Rep's report

Rosemary Savage confirmed that their first inspection of the current season has been carried out a couple of weeks ago and circulated a report. Dave Hayward ran through the list confirming a few points.

The allotment committee agreed:-

- To terminate the agreement for allotment holder A4.
- To send warning letters to allotment holders for plots, C4A, D4, E11, B3a & b.

#### 5. Waiting list

Dave Hayward confirmed there are currently a number of vacant plots and he is meeting with those on the waiting list to offer them. He confirmed that he has offered plot A6, F7 and E3b and agreements can be sent out to these people. He has a number of other allotment holders to meet in the next few weeks.

**6. Allotment competition**

Bob Biggs confirmed that he has arranged for the allotment competition judging to take place in June & July. A discussion took place as to whether we keep the presentation of the winners at the allotment site rather than Wanborough Show. It was agreed to continue at the allotment site and to let the Wanborough Show committee know.

**7. Ron Kent allotment trophy**

It was agreed to rename the "Best Kept Allotment" competition to "Ron Kent Best Kept Allotment" competition. A new trophy to be purchased.

**8. Wanborough Road Closure**

A map has been provided confirming closure to allotment holders which will be put on the noticeboard.

Bob Biggs confirmed that there will also be two weekend closures on the A419 during July which will add to the problem.

**9. Security Fencing**

A discussion took place in relation to the security of the site now the hedge has been cut right back, leaving gaps. Once the new footpath is installed along the edge of Wanborough Road, access and security of the site will become even more important.

**10. Other Points**

Request from an allotment holder to erect a greenhouse and whether they can put glass in it, allotment agreement states no glass but a suitable alternative should be fine.

Bonfires – A poster and a reminder to allotment holders about bonfires to go on the noticeboard.

Allotment competition criteria – Agreed to add this to the noticeboard too.

**11. Date of next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> July 2022