

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Tony Whittle, Richard Littlewood, Frank Lightfoot, Sue Johnson, Sue Brophy, and Nick Coster.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Steven McDonnell, Nicola Francis

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 2nd March had been distributed to the committee and taken as read, with the exception of Frank Lightfoot who did not agree.

MATTERS ARISING

The tree surgeons came to repair fence behind plot 5 but need to return. The fence between plots 76 and 77 was repaired by a plotholder.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SP reported that it would be possible to obtain a skip for the clearance of derelict sites after the Allotment Officer is allocated a budget likely to be after mid-May. SP or SJ will provide the date of arrival when known.

SP advised that due to machinery problems Sandhills are currently unable to deliver soil conditioner.

The plotholder of plot 56 had submitted a plan to erect a greenhouse and this was agreed by the Committee.

The plotholder of plot 87 had submitted a plan to erect a greenhouse sited slightly forward from the back fence to allow for shading and compost bins and this was agreed by the Committee. TW advised that a greenhouse had historically been on this plot.

The tenant of plot 56 had been advised that the existing shed could be repainted in a muted tone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were two rents outstanding and one underpaid. SP agreed to liaise with NF with a view to contact the tenants if necessary.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings at the end of April amounted to £994.93.

COMMUNITY PLOT

Due to the on-going situation with Covid-19 there had been no activity but it may be possible to hold an event after June 21st that date being the next stage in the Government unlocking strategy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

There was nothing to report.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS

There were 40 people on the waiting list. Two people were logged on a supplementary list to upgrade.

Plots let were 79a, 90a and 95. There were no vacant plots.

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INSPECTIONS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions inspections could not be made by the team as a whole. TW noted that inspections carried out by small groups were not as efficient as those made by the team.

Plots considered during the first inspection of the year in April were being monitored.

SP agreed to contact the tenant of 27b. The tenant on plot 52 had made progress. The tenant on 52 requested the removal of a leylandii conifer from a hedge.

There was a discussion regarding plots 76 / 106 / 107a. SP will arrange a meeting with the co-ordinator. There was further discussion regarding plots 79, 83a and 93. It was noted that some ploholders have had health related difficulties.

NAWG MATTERS

SP advised that she would report the outcome of a proposed Zoom meeting to be held on 13th May regarding the possibility of a City Show being held and an Allotment Competition neither of which had been held in 2020 due to Covid-19. The timing of an Allotment Competition, if held, will be notified to the Committee and ploholders.

TW thanked all those who offered their assistance in altering the path to allow for wheelchair access to plot 31.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FL reported the disappearance of two metal plant cages, each ten foot long.

FL requested a copy of the tenancy agreement. SJ suggested that she would forward that and related documents to all members of the Committee but noted that some of them needed review. It was understood by SP and SJ that Urban Green intends to review current documentation relevant to all of the allotment sites, following which Moorside would be in a position to also review their documentation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 1st June at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

SJ

20 May 2021