

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Richard Littlewood, Nicola Francis

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 1 June 2021 had been distributed to the committee and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

A skip had been delivered primarily for the removal of rubbish from two specific plots. SP had discussed ongoing plans with the new organiser of the Comfrey Project. There were no outstanding rents.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Free Bench had been cleared and new notices put up spelling out "do's" and "don'ts".

Scrap from behind the store had been removed.

Fencing at the West lane gate was unstable and in need of repair. SP will request contractors to put in new posts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SJ had contacted Parks Skips and Remondis for quotations in the event of Moorside having to undertake the cost of hiring skips. The former quoted £250 and the latter £260 and both included VAT.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings at the end of June amounted to £861.19.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 45 people on the waiting list and 3 recent enquiries to be sent an application form. There had been no lettings.

SJ had written to the tenants of 9b, 11, 20b and spoken to the father of the tenant of 110. The tenant of plot 56 had decided to leave with effect from 3 July and SJ had written to her on 30 June to confirm and request the return of the gate key.

Several plots causing concern were those noted during previous inspections.

SP / SJ agreed to contact the ploholders of 10, 17, 52, 73b. Also noted as being of concern were 27b, 46, 70, 75 and 108 although improvements had been made to 75. Improvements were also noted regarding plots 27a and 83a.

The tenant of plot 95 agreed to remove a polytunnel and apply to the committee to erect a new greenhouse and shed.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Repairs to the front fence required had been noted. SM had cleared away a structure on his own plot. A vehicle parked near the West Lane gate where parking is prohibited had been noted.

COMMUNITY PLOT

There was nothing to report.

URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

SP advised that James Cross, CEO of Urban Green, will be leaving when his contract expires in the autumn.

SP advised that the Allotment Officer Mark Todd would be leaving with effect from the 20 July in order to take up another post. The NAWG Committee would expect to be advised by Urban Green of the plan to appoint a new Allotment Officer. The next virtual NAWG meeting with Urban Green would be on 6 July. Mark Todd plans to visit Moorside before his leaving date.

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

Urban Green confirmed that there would be no City Allotment Competition in 2021. Moorside decided to hold their own and to that end the members of the Inspection Team put forward their recommendations which were discussed at length. SJ would collate the information so that final decisions could be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A break-in and theft had been reported by the tenants of plot 51. A pair of steps not belonging to them had appeared on their plot.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 3 August at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7 pm

SJ

1 August 2021