

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rich Littlewood

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 3 August 2021 had been distributed to the committee and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

There were matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was fly tipping along most of the length of the outside perimeter including large width tree trunks. The Freeman were informed. September 2022 has been advised to SP as the next likely date for the transfer of the Tenancy to the Freeman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings at the end of August amounted to £216.85. Donations for the Food Bank were delivered to them. Soil improver was sourced from a new supplier and 2000 litres were delivered. The tenant of plot 91 had offered to join the Trading Hut volunteer team.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 48 people on the waiting list and 1 being number 83b was let. Being late in the season no rent was charged.

It was agreed that the tenant of plot 73b would be given to the end of the year to cultivate the garden to at least the 75% standard. SJ would write following each monthly inspection to check on any progress made. The tenant of plot 75 started to make progress. Fencing and a shed was to be erected and SP or SJ would contact them about these. A resident of Moorside North was concerned that the tenant of plot 95 was not working his garden which is a cause of concern. In addition, the Committee had told him that a polytunnel structure would have to be taken down. The tenant of plot 46 reported a wasp nest. The tenant of plot 52 had achieved a lot. Others plots of concern were as noted in August, 17, 20b, 27b, 60, 91, 97, and 108.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The tenant of plot 45 would be replacing the fence adjoining the lane. It was noted that children were running around the site contrary to our rules and Covid-19 advice.

COMMUNITY PLOT

Due to Covid-19 it was not known yet if plot holders would be invited to a Bonfire display. It was noted that the Allotment Officer while he was still in post suggested best use of the Community Plot.

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URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

A new Code of Conduct had not been agreed to date with Urban Green. There was currently no Allotment Officer.

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

In addition to the winners of best gardens two further awards were agreed, namely to Anne Noble as Unsung Hero for her excellent support for the Trading Hut during the pandemic and also the Long Service Award to David le Britton following his retirement from allotment gardening.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A few further very annoying thefts of crops were noted. There was a discussion regarding a camera being installed. SJ expressed concern and NF advised that if a camera was installed it ought to be accompanied by a notice making its installation obvious.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 5 October at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm

SJ

3 October 2021