

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022 AT 5.30 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair delayed for the beginning of the meeting), Sue Johnson (Sec), Nicola Francis (Treasurer), Tony Whittle, Frank Lightfoot, Rich Littlewood, Nick Coster, Steven McDonnell.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue Brophy (in part due to computer failure)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 17 December 2021 had been distributed to the committee and taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Urban Green had been contacted again regarding the fence damage which had also impacted on the gate to the manure area making it impractical to order manure.

Urban Green was also advised again about the tree on plot 34 which needed urgent attention.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The date for the AGM was confirmed to be Wednesday 23 February with a start time of 7.30 pm but logging in available from 7.15 pm. RL confirmed that a notice could be posted on the website immediately.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF advised that it would not be necessary to increase the individual plot rents for 2022. SP confirmed that the Freeman did not offer concessionary rates and we would have to bear that in mind for the future. The water bill would be paid on the estimate. There was an increase from 2021. FL mentioned that some hose pipes had not been disconnected and water left on prior to the water supply being turned off for winter.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

Takings at the end of December amounted to £130.65. Seed potatoes had been ordered. The volunteer rota for the month had been issued.

WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 49 people on the waiting list and the vacant plot number 92 had been let.

Three new locks had been purchased. The lock on the West Lane gate would be replaced and the others after the damaged fencing had been repaired / replaced. The locksmiths advised that if old locks were repairable the cost would be £55 each. One of the tenants had offered to check one and it was known that the unavailability of the very small grub screws was the main problem.

NC advised that the problem plots had not been tended to for winter. Plots 9b, 10 and 11 required attention. The front fence of plot 70 was not secure. The polytunnel on plot 95 had blown over.

SP suggested that the problem of untended plots could be raised at the AGM. FL commented that the problem plots were usually the same ones each month. SP would contact the tenant of plot 10 to discuss their particular situation.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SP would inform Urban Green Health & Safety issues in connection with damaged fencing and damaged trees.

COMMUNITY PLOT

Some non-plotholders had been seen on the plot. SB suggested that they were ex-plotholders who had met on the plot.

URBAN GREEN /NAWG MATTERS

The post of Allotment Officer had not been filled. NAWG had not met.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SJ advised the intention to run a plant scheme for 2022.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm

SJ

26 January 2022