

## Allotment Committee

Minutes of meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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**Present:** Bronwen Brown, Wendy Jackson, Judy Pitts, Paul Horsnall, Garry Pells, Mark Luson

**Apologies:** Jo Payne, Maisie Jepson, Dave Levett

Welcome to Garry Pells, new rep for Stonebridge.

### **Matters arising from last Meeting:**

Bronwen to arrange QR codes to be printed and laminated by Town Council for the notice boards in Stonebridge and Elcot.

### **Reports from Allotments:**

St.John's: Successful change of plot in the last month to an enthusiastic gardener.

They have been offered a 20' lawn mower by Nigel at the Town Council, subject to service by the mower people in Baydon. They will address the issue of storage when it arrives.

There is a hedge which is out of control and is encroaching on two plots. Owners are aware and trying to get something done after nesting season. Jo will track progress.

Elcot: Two longstanding neglected plots to be referred to Town Council to deal with. One may require clearance from the council before it can be handed over. Bronwen to action.

New plot holders to be commended for their efforts and enthusiasm. Their plots are looking good.

No other problems to report at present.

\*\* Following the meeting – A box will be set up by the notice board for collection for 'Love Marlborough Kids Meals'. If you have any excess produce, please put in this box. It is planned that the box is emptied every Thursday by Rose.

Please DO NOT leave anything else in the box, or under the bench! \*\*

Stonebridge: Following a difficult year, the Town Council and several plot holders have been working together to improve the site and get more regular mowing, compost, top soli and chipping deliveries.

The Town Council has strimmed the vacant plots which has been appreciated and the rest of the plot holders are working to improve the rest.

A lawnmower has been purchased for communal use.

Mark reported that the Town Council will be purchasing a new strimmer for themselves so the old one will be offered to Stonebridge.

It was agreed that Town Council will ensure that the borders will be mown be regularly and plot holders will be responsible for maintaining the internal paths.

It was also agreed that the Town Council will seek to deliver as much compost and top soil as possible from the graveyard. Wood chippings will be useful too. Mark will liaise with Town Council.

There are more than 10 vacant plots which are available and the committee believe these should be offered to people on the waiting list as soon as possible. Mark to speak to Sue Fry and Town Clerk about this.

It was agreed that there should be no further division of plots until everyone on the waiting list has been offered the opportunity of an available plot.

**NB:** Current plot holders can apply to change their plot if they wish. They need to contact to Sue Fry if they want to do so.

Garry and Paul will be meeting with ARK to discuss the matter of the ditches and the sump which needs digging out.

A team tidy day was suggested for 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7pm at The Parade cinema**

**All welcome.**