

## Allotment Committee

### Minutes of meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Present:** Bronwen Brown, Wendy Jackson, Judy Pitts, Jo Payne, Ian Ryman

**Apologies:** Dave Levett, Maisie Jepson, Mark Lawson, Tom Hanson

#### **Minutes from last Meeting:**

Facebook seems to be going well with thanks to Tom Hanson.

The individual WhatsApp groups for each Allotment area are generating more responses. The QR codes are available if anyone else wants to join.

#### **Report from Town Council:**

Sue Fry reported that the collection of the rents has gone smoothly as have the handovers of the plots to new allotmentees.

It was clarified that current allotment holders can request bigger/different plots but this cannot be in addition to their current plot, which they need to relinquish once the transfer has been agreed.

There are over 20 people on the waiting list with the longest wait being 15 months.

#### **Reports from Allotments:**

##### **Stonebridge:**

There are now 42 plots here which are in full bloom.

Co-ordination with ARK resulted in a drainage issue being resolved.

A noise complaint from Vicarage Close regarding language was dealt with.

The communal table needs to be tidied up and notices for the recycling bins needed. Ian will action.

TH White cards are available to collection by the noticeboard.

##### **St John's:**

This will be part of the Open Gardens on 25<sup>th</sup> June. People are working hard towards this.

The collection and usage of water on the site is being discussed.

##### **Elcot:**

The handover of the new plots has gone well and all the plots are being worked although some of the paths and edges need some work.

Clarification of dates for being able to have bonfires was requested. Bonfires can be lit from 15<sup>th</sup> September until 1<sup>st</sup> December at Elcot and Stonebridge only. No bonfires are allowed at St John's.

Hosepipes are allowed on the site but to be used sparingly and taking account the needs of the other allotment users. Please report any leaks and repair if possible.

The maintenance of both of the double outlet taps is in hand. Communication will be via Whasapp to update on developments.

### **Community Fridge**

The Community Fridge is still active and available for donations if anyone has excess produce.

It is open on Thursdays 9am to 10.30am

Friday 1pm to 2.30pm

Saturdays 9am to 10.30

### **AGM**

This will take place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Stable Block at The Lamb at 7pm.**

It was proposed that we focus on the issue of responsible water usage

All welcome.

If you have any questions/matters that you would like to raise, please submit them in advance and they will be discussed at the meeting.