

## Allotment Committee

Minutes of meeting: 24.02.2022

Present: Jo Payne, Bronwen Brown, Ian Ryman, Judy Pitts and Maisie Jepson

Apologies: David Levett, Wendy Jackson,

### **Actions Arising from last Meeting:**

Team Tidy days: Stonebridge – set for 7<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022; St. John's – set as needed; Elcot – set as needed.

Plot allocation at Stonebridge: The 4 new plots have yet to be allocated out. Stumbling block appears to be allocating numbers. Town Council (TC) have been unable to send someone to site, but have sent the original plan. Suggest that the 4 new plots are numbered 26A – D and offered to the next 4 people on the waiting list with the instruction to contact Ian. **(Action BB)** *(Following the meeting, BB contacted Sue Fry and plots have now been offered out.)*

Plot allocation at Elcot: Plots 1E, 5A and 5AA have been offered out, but 5A was declined. Original plot 5A has not been split into 5A and 5AA, suggest we put markers in to show split **(Action JPi)**. Potential plot holders to contact Wendy to view the plots offered. **(Action WJ)**

Compost Delivery for Elcot: David Levett is happy to organise compost delivery as last year, but he needs to find a plot where the compost can be dumped. Cost was £2 per barrow last year, but may be more this year. Delivery is likely to be late March/early April when ground is hard. Anyone interested needs to contact Dave direct on 07973 147090.

Letter with invoices: Allotment committee suggested that a letter was sent to all plot holders with this year's invoice to inform plot holders of long waiting list. Meeting between TC and allotment committee representatives couldn't be arranged so wording was agreed by email and letter was sent out following the invoices.

### **Site reports**

Elcot: Nothing to report. Plots and paths looking good. 2 plots to be handed on (see above)

Stonebridge: No progress on the gate replacement – was put on the TC 'winter works' list.

Plot allocated out last year but not worked. Ian has been in contact. Not sure if rent has been paid for this year. – Plot needs to be worked this year or handed on and plot holder needs letter to that effect. **(Action BB)** to check payment status with Sue Fry)

Plot only half worked, other half is 'boggy' and needs the level raising with additional soil or raised beds. Owner needs to be contacted with option to cultivate the whole plot or for plot to be split and uncultivated half handed on **(Action IR)**

St Johns – One plot has been handed on to new owner.

### **Waiting List**

The waiting list remains long however, allotment committee do not have access to the waiting list, so are unable to ascertain how serious people are; how long they have been on the list or to communicate with them. Clear that plots should be offered to person on the list for the longest who has indicated they are willing to take a plot from this site; if a plot is declined then the person should come off the list.

Plots may become available as plot holders decline to pay this year's invoice. Suggested that Jo contact Sue to ascertain who has/has not paid their invoice and to look at waiting list and allocation. **(Action JoP** – date set for 22.03.22)

### **AGM:**

Date set for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.15 for 7.30 and aim to be an 'in person' meeting, all plot holders are invited. Venue Roebuck? Lamb? **(Action BB)**

Will need: Treasurers report, Chairs report, update from allotment sites, and election of committee.

Need to approach TC to ask if they would like to do a report or send someone to attend (**Action BB**)

Ask plot holders to respond if they would like to attend (so we have an idea of numbers). If plot holders have items for the agenda or questions, ask that they put in writing before the meeting (please respond to this email). Reminder of date to be sent to all plot holders one week before (21<sup>st</sup> March) (**Action JPi**)

## **AOB**

Contact with TC A&OS committee: Suggested that as it appears difficult for the TC reps to attend the allotment committee meetings, we offer to attend the next meeting of the A&OS committee to put any items to be discussed. Items will need to be detailed before the meeting. (NB next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 7pm)

*Following the meeting we have been contacted by Councillor Mark Lusson who is happy to attend the AGM*

Next Meeting AGM Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.15 for 7.30 The Lamb Inn, The Parade, Marlborough

All plot holders invited. Please respond to this email if you intend to attend.

Any agenda items or questions please send to this email – look forward to seeing you there.