

## Allotment Committee Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Present:** Judy Pitts, Bronwen Brown, Wendy Jackson, Jo Payne, David Levett. Ian Ryman, Karen and John Collie, Laura and Philip Mickelborough

**Apologies:** Maisie

**Previous minutes:**

**Stonebridge:** Plots 2 and 11 allocated now

Plot 4 still to be allocated

Plot 8 will be given up

**Elcot:** Fence line has been strimmed. Grass not been dumped as was collected by council (checked by Bronwen)

**Padlocks** with codes will be purchased by Bronwen for the two gates facing the football pitch. The other gate will remain the same. A notice will be put up on the noticeboard and the council notified.

No response from the council re bee hives. No-one is sure who is responsible for the other bee hives around the town.

**Waiting List** remains very long with 26 people waiting for a plot, mostly for Elcot.

Discussion about what plans the Council have for dealing with the demand. Suggestion that an email be drafted for Sue Fry to send to people on the waiting list to clarify if they are interested in having a plot and if not heard from them by the beginning of September, to assume they are not interested.

Also, suggested that Claire Harris (assistant Town Clerk) who is responsible for Open Spaces be contacted with copies to councillors, notifying them of the long waiting list and asking them what plans they have for dealing with it.

There is some space in Stonebridge for more allotments if plots 3 and 4 are divided.

Some uncertainty about who the council representatives responsible for Open Spaces now.

**Community Fridge:** Claire Harris is also involved in the project. It is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 12 noon behind the Police Station in Waitrose car park.

Claire Harris to be contacted to find out how to donate surplus produce to the project.

**Stonebridge:** No changes to report

**St John's:** have entered Marlborough In Bloom competition in 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category Judging on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Good Luck to them!

**Elcot:** All seems well here with individual plots.

Concern about some of the cement posts which are cracked and leaning over. These may start failing within the next 2/3 years and could be dangerous. Discussions needed about what should be done before too late. Possible replacement hedging? Woodland Trust provide free hedging, apparently.

**Actions:**

- Contact Claire Harris about Community Fridge information (Judy)
- Draft email about waiting list for Sue Fry (Bronwen)
- Find who Open Spaces representatives are. (Bronwen)
- Contact Nigel re fence line (Bronwen)
- Contact Woodland Trust re hedging (Wendy)
- Meet and greet new plot holders at Stonebridge (Ian)

**Future Dates**

Next Allotment Committee meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm at Roebuck unless informed otherwise

Team Tidy on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021