

Romsey Town Council Allotments Management **Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on the **10th July 2023**, at the Mayors Parlour, Romsey Town Hall, Romsey.

Those present: Mr Mike Nobbs, Mr John Waterman, Mr Roger House, Mrs Eleanor Vamplew, Mr Elvin Mullinger, Ms Clementine Kingstone, Mr Chris Davies. Cllr Colin Burgess.

Apologies: Mrs Lisa Fallowfield

7.1 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read.

Any matters arising will be discussed under various headings.

7.2 Correspondence:

7.2.1 Tenants have approached MN with view to informally splitting their plots in half and running them as separate half plots. Whilst it was agreed that this 'collaboration' was acceptable in principle, it was agreed it is the ultimate responsibility for the plots remain with the named plot holder.

7.2.2 Similarly, CD has been approached by plot 56 about reducing size of their plot

It was discussed whether we should canvas the plot holders via e-mail and the 'WhatsApp' group to determine what further interest there would be for splitting other plots into 2 half sized plots.

7.2.3 Plot 35 has requested moving to plot 14, if available to be closer to water access.

7.2.4 CB tabled a copy letter of correspondence relating to the interface between cyclists and pedestrians on the pathway, and plot holders entering or leaving the site, and outlined that pedestrians and cyclist have priority in accordance with the recently amended highway code.

7.3 Finance: Current assessment of financial situation is appended to rear of these minutes which shows the nett costs at current point as extracted from Test valley accounts. However, EV commented that costs should be in gross format to provide a true representation of the current status.

EV confirmed that 'Earmarked reserves' still stands at £6000.00.

No future expenditure is planned at this stage but the committee will continue to bear in mind the condition of the car parks and Distribution Centre.

7.4 Allotments: At present, the current waiting list stands at 15.

EM tabled list of warning letters and other minor issues relating to plots 16, 43, 45, 64, 76, 97, 100, 104, & 106. (Original not supplied and therefore not appended!)

CD confirmed that a drawing of the proposed Car park surfacing, for costing purposes, will be produced in by the end of this month.

7.5 Distribution Centre:

The shop is open to tenants when Mike, plot 42 is on site or any other committee member if approached by a tenant.

MN mentioned that new stock will be acquired as and when required to maintain adequate stock.

7.6 Plot Assessment: The third round of plot assessments is due to take place soon with John and Lisa happy to undertake this

7.7 Councillor's Report: CB to ask Town Hall for copy of the agreement with Broadlands to ascertain whether any covenants, or other constraints may be in place we are not aware of.

7.8 AOB:

It was agreed that the additional rules board, which is proposed to be placed on the side of the distribution centre, is put on hold until such time that the rules are agreed as from recent events, over the intervening months, a number of issues have arisen which will necessitate amendments to the current rules including the removal of reference to 'Romsey Extra' which has now been incorporated.

RH confirmed that water meter readings need to be carried out once a month and reported to Howard Brisland at town hall.

EM has agreed to look at the sourcing of materials required to provide new aluminium plot numbers for those plots with 'missing' labels.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Chris Davies

Committee Secretary

Mike Nobbs

Chairman

Date ... ***21/08/2023***

**Next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 22nd August, 2023, 7.30pm at the court room,
Romsey Town Hall.**