

Romsey Town Council Allotments Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on the **1st August 2022**, at 1 Saxon Way, Romsey.

Those present: Mr J Waterman (Chairman), Mr R House (Secretary), Mrs A Helm (Treasurer), Mr M Nobbs, Ms C Kingstone, Mrs E Vamplew (co-opted member).

Apologies: Mr K House & Cllr. J Cairney.

The previous meeting to be held in July was cancelled owing two members having caught covid and a further two members in close contact with persons with covid.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read.

Any matters arising will be discussed under various headings.

09.1 Correspondence: Email received in June (25/06) from a Rachel Fanner asking if it were possible to help out at the allotments. At the present time this was not thought advisable. Email received (30/06) from tenant of plot 85. Complaint regarding some of the branches of a tree that grows at the edge of their plot being removed by another tenant. After investigation by two of the committee members it was found that the removed branches were to clear the pathway to the adjoining tenants plot. Tenant of plot 85 was informed of this and asked to ensure that all pathways around plots must be kept clear for access. [Rule 6(ii)]

09.2 Finance: See attached Report.

Treasurer reported that there are no outstanding loans. She then informed the committee that as of this date, no information has been forthcoming on the BAC payment system. A further meeting with the Town Council Chief Officer will be arranged, due to the impending Notice for Plot Rents as they are due on the 1st October.

Discussion then followed on the expected high cost of the Water Bill this season owing to the severe dry spell being experienced so far this summer. Hopefully, it will remain within budget.

09.3 Allotments: Waiting list stands at 15. At our present take up this equated to at least a 2-3 year wait. Will we need more allotments? Some plots are still in need of attention, 43, 56, 59A & 117. These tenants have been contacted and have given assurances that they will make efforts to tidy up their plots. It was reported that one or two tenants have been lighting bonfires at the allotments during this very dry period. Notices have now been placed around the allotments warning tenants of FIRE RISK and asking that they do not light bonfires or use incinerators during this dry period. With regard to replacing the allotment Notice Board, the secretary informed the meeting that after discussion with Howard, RTC Building Manager, an all-weather unit, accepting 12 x A4 sheets can be

bought for £370. It was agreed by committee that this was a more practical way than ordering timber material (which has increased in price substantially) and building it ourselves, to save a small amount of money .

09.4 Distribution Centre: Sales from the shop have now tailed off.

09.5 Plot Assessment: Assessments to be carried out during the latter part of August. (Mike and Clem).

09.6 Councillor's Report: None.

09.7 AOB: Regarding the points raised by Dan Turner (plot 115) in the last meeting, all queries are in hand or delt with.

Date for this year's AGM is, Thursday 6th October.

With two more committee members standing down at the end of the season, we will require tenants to come forward by the AGM. A request, asking for new committee members will be posted at the Notice Board.

As we hope to send out AGM and Rent Demands via email this year, we need to check that all email address are correct and ask tenants if they are willing or not, to receive notices and information regarding the allotments by this format. Eleanor volunteered to carry out this function.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 5th September , 7.30pm at 1 Saxon Way, Romsey.

Roger House

Secretary

Confirmed.... ***John Waterman***

Chairman

Date ... ***05/09/2022***

Follow up date for next committee meeting – Monday 3rd October, 2022.

ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT

Statement of Income and Expenditure 05.04.22 to 01.08.22

Income	£	Expenditure	£	Budget £
Rents	60.00	Broadland's Rent		1100
Distribution Centre	96.00	Southern Water	394.86	750
Cont. to funds: Perry	10.00	NSALG		55
		Dist. Centre Stock		180
		Stationery/Post/misc	23.28	
		Mtce of Allotments		150
		Hedge Cutting		220
		Rat Poison/Pest Control		250
		Skip Hire		
Totals	166.00		418.14	2705
Income less Expenditure	-252.14			
Earmarked Reserve	7018.00	Cash in Hand (b/f 04.22)	42.38	
		Less: Stationery	13.29	
		Rubber Washers	3.00	
		Envelopes	6.99	
		Balance CIH	19.10	

Notes:

There are no outstanding loans for repayment.

Rents received during the current Financial Year 2022/2023 refer to Plots 99 & 109. Plot 8 was re-let in June 2022; agreed no rent payable until 1st October 2022.

No further progress has been made regarding Allotment Rents payable via BACS.

Anne Helm
Treasurer

