

SENLAC ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Jane de Garston
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Battle Town Council

Dear Jane,

20th December 2020

As you know we held our AGM in November using Zoom as it was considered the only way in the present situation. It proved reasonably successful but we did not get as many attendees as our normal AGMs. I understand Helen has sent you the minutes so you know the people on the committee. Setting up the meeting was difficult as we do not have a list of e-mail addresses and I would thank you for your assistance in helping us by sending out the information. **We have now taken steps to try to get our own list of e-mail address so as we can communicate directly with members.**

A number of recurring problems were brought up at the AGM some of which will require BTC input:

- 1 The camera we installed at Watch Oak has shown that a **herd of deer are getting into the allotment and eating produce**. Can I ask if the Council can mend the fencing in order to keep the deer out. The problems **of deer were also noted at the Netherfield Hill Allotment**.
- 2 **Rats**. The use of some allotments to **keep hens** as you know has caused considerable heated discussion in the past and is still causing problems. The plot holders near the hen coups are adamant that the **hens attract rats and that it is unhygienic to use produce where rats are running over their crops**. I therefore officially bring this matter to the Councils attention in the hope we can find a solution.
- 3 A number of more minor matters were brought but I consider these will be dealt with during normal maintenance and at the Inspections.

Could I thank you for your continued assistance and support and I wish all at BTC a safe and Happy Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Trevor Henning
Chairman BTC