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Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 07th March 2022 on site

Present: Cllrs M. Keating, C. Crosbie, and L. Exton
1 plot holder

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Keating was proposed and seconded and duly appointed as Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

All members declared as plot holders.

4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 08th November 2021

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Chair's update

The Chair had no further matters than those on the agenda.

6. Site inspection

One plot holder had an eviction notice served for a non-used plot.

7. Plot availability

There were two plots available with two names on the waiting list.

8. Finance update

The Clerk updated as follows:

Income

Rents	£ 763.05
Precept	£ 800.00

Expenditure

Rents	£ 323.01
Precept	£ 337.93

Surplus Rents	£ 440.04
Surplus Precept	£ 462.07

Reserves **£ 1710.82**

9. Items for discussion

a. Allocation of polytunnel spots

It was confirmed 10 plot holders had applied for the 10 spaces.
Each were to be allocated one spot each.

b. New tenancy agreement

It was agreed to insert a no greenhouse clause.
To change the wording for water butts to read 'should be covered'.
To include a minimum worked plot area of 50%.

c. Expanded newsletter to include reminders of responsibilities in the allotments

To remind plot holders to cut the edges and paths adjoining their plots.
To maintain plots to a minimum of 50% of the area.

d. Wildflower seeding

It was agreed to order and sow in early April.
Request plot holder to consolidate any wildflower seeds they have.
Ensure seeds are native and to include yellow rattle.

e. Skip order

To order prior to Easter.

f. Cordless strimmer usage instructions

Keep the strimmer in the shed.
Place battery, blades, and chargers on a shelf.
Ensure only one battery is used each day so one is always charged for the next person.
Used battery to be charged and brought back next day.
Name on whiteboard as to who has spare battery.

10. General discussion period

It was agreed to support the best allotment competition with prizes up to £50.
It was agreed to organise a social event for Sunday 17th July at 2pm.
£50 to be set aside for refreshments.

11. Items and date for next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 12th September at 1pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.55pm.

Mike Keating

Chairman