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Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2021 on site

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

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Keating was proposed and seconded and duly appointed Chair of the committee.

2. Apologies for absence

All members present

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

All members declared an interest as plot holders.

4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2019

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

5. Chairman's update

The Chair spoke on all the works that had been completed since the last meeting. These included the fixing of the upper gate and posts along with the lower gate and posts. The southern side fencing had been completed and the poly tunnel rebuilt. The skip was again hired and was full within a week.

6. Site inspection

Generally, all posts were in good condition. However, it was noted that 3 plots had not been worked on.

7. Plot availability

It was confirmed that all plots had been allocated and there was a 4-person waiting list.

8. Finance update

21/22			20/21		
Income	Precept	£800	Income	Precept	£800
Spend	Precept	NIL	Spend	Precept	£789.44
Income	Rents	£763.05	Income	Rents	£642.33
Spend	Rents	£156.96	Spend	Rents	£279.17
Reserves	£1710.82				

9. Items for discussion

a. Poly tunnel space allocation

As space was limited, it was agreed that a ballot type system to be used to ensure everybody has equal opportunity to use the polytunnel. This should occur in the form of a newsletter to all plot holders and a notice on the board.

b. Letter to leaseholders regarding unkempt plots

It was agreed to a two-stage process.

The Chair would write asking why a plot was not being worked and giving a **21-calendar day** notice period.

If no response had been received, then the Clerk would send the formal eviction notice.

c. Allotment competition prizes

It was agreed to award garden vouchers to the sum of £25 / £15 and £10.

10. General discussion period

It was agreed to look at the locking system to the shed.

Members would consider the painting of the shed.

Some sort of wildflowers was being considered for the northern strip under the matting.

It was agreed in principle to purchase a battery-operated strimmer (for all plot holders).

A sum of up to £200 was agreed.

11. Items and date for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th October at 1830 hours.

The venue to be confirmed closer to the date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1205pm.

Mike Keating

Chairman