

Bradwell Road Allotment Committee Meeting

Stantonbury Parish Council

Held on

Wednesday 24th March 2021

At 7.00pm

Using Zoom Video Link

This meeting was recorded by audio for the purpose of transacting the business as set out below.

MINUTES

	15-minute session for members of the public to speak.	
	<p>Present: Cllr A Anwar Cllr GA Davison (Chair) Cllr S Kennedy Cllr L Morgan Cllr A Ronaldson</p> <p>4 members of the public logged onto the Zoom meeting</p>	
A13/20	<p>Apologies: None</p>	
A14/20	<p>Chairs Remarks GAD advised the Committee that Cllr. Malcom Millen had resigned from the Allotment Committee.</p>	
A15/20	<p>Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 30th September 2020. The Minutes of the Meeting were agreed as a correct record. Accepted by 5 votes for</p>	
A16/20	<p>BAT's Chair Report GAD thanked DO for submitting his report. DO advised the Committee that everything is going well on the allotment site and that tenants are adhering to social distancing and there have been no issues since the last meeting.</p>	

	<p>DO referred to the email sent to GAD regarding bulky waste and noted this was an agenda item.</p> <p>DO sought permission to erect a new shed next to the toilet block. GAD requested DO to formally write to SPC to request permission and to include a sketch showing the position of where he would like the shed to go.</p>	DO
A17/20	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>GAD advised that SPC are currently continuing to follow Government Guidelines.</p> <p>LM commented that Government restrictions could be lifted on 21st June, subject to any changes between now and then.</p> <p>DO enquired when the toilet would be re-opened. GAD replied that as this was a hygiene issue, we would need to employ a cleaner and were advised by the Allotment Association that toilets should, for the time being, remain closed at least until 21st June 2021 unless restrictions are lifted before then.</p>	
A18/20	<p>Removal of Bulky Waste</p> <p>PH advised that the bulky waste removal from the allotment site has been suspended for nearly a year now. There had been a problem in getting the waste to the tips during the lockdown period and a large pile of rubbish had built up on site. It was also noted that potentially some of the items put out for collection were not from the allotment site.</p> <p>PH suggested that the Committee agree that individual tenants contact the PR to discuss items to be disposed of.</p> <p>DO suggested that individuals arrange with the Ranger to collect the waste and a payment be made to SPC. GAD advised the meeting that unfortunately we are not able to do this.</p> <p>GAD temporarily left the meeting and LM took over the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>LM confirmed that the PR will pick it up the waste for free, but arrangements need to be made by the tenant with the PR by directly emailing him. PH to email DO with PR's direct email address and to put up a sign on the allotment notice board.</p> <p>GAD returned to the meeting.</p>	PH
A19/20	<p>D1 Community Plot</p> <p>PH outlined present state of Plot D1. The plot has not been occupied for a number of years and has deteriorated over time and the raised beds are in need of repair.</p> <p>PH suggested that going forward the best option would be to turn this plot into a general plot and to start renting it out as we have a high number of people currently on the waiting list. He further added that if a disabled person does come to the top of the waiting list, then SPC could adapt the plot currently available to them in order to accommodate their disability.</p> <p>This is in line with the National Allotment's Association Guidance.</p>	PH

A20/20	<p>Water supply Water Troughs - PH advised that he has been in contact with a plumbing company to rectify the compliance issues with the newly installed troughs, and to fit a non-concussive tap at the side of the toilet. The company should be on site on 25/3/21 to rectify the issues. A Certificate of Compliance will then be issued to SPC.</p> <p>Legionnaires Disease – PH confirmed that he had sought professional advice and could confirm that Legionnaires Disease is not found in these troughs. The troughs would have to sit there and not be used for a considerable amount of time for the bacteria to be present and is therefore not an issue.</p> <p>Trough Covers – PH advised that these troughs were not designed to take covers. PH suggested that the troughs could be highlighted with coloured tape to make them more visual. GAD asked PH to monitor these troughs for the next 6 months to establish whether a cover would be appropriate, and report back to the Allotment Committee in September 2021.</p> <p>Toilet Re-opening GAD advised, as recorded earlier in the meeting, the toilet would remain closed until Government restrictions are lifted in June.</p>	PH
A21/20	<p>Parish Ranger's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Inspection - PH advised that site inspections have not been carried out in March but will commence again in April. • Plot Numbering - PH has all the materials for this and this work will be scheduled in for April. • Water Trolley - A Trolley has been purchased and will be available for tenants to use. • Survey of Shed Plot D1 – PH reported that the roof has now been repaired and is watertight. 	PH/ST PH
A22/20	<p>Waiting list and Plot Requests ST confirmed that during the lockdown requests to rent an allotment plot has increased considerably and the waiting list now has 21 people on it.</p>	
	<p>Date of Future Meetings: Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7.00pm Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The meeting finished at 7.25pm</p>	