

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Allotment Liaison** held on 28th February 2024 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

IN ATTENDANCE

Allotment Association (AA) members; (Chair) F Dykstra & P Bellamy

PRESENT WERE

Cllr J Parker (Chair)

Mrs E Coverdale:- Asst. Clerk

Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m

WELCOME

Chair Parker opened the meeting.

ALLOTMENT UPDATE

- Site visit completed by Chair and Asst. Clerk on 26th February.
- All rents are paid, handymen had been instructed to clear plot 19, 1 plot requires a failure to improve notice.
- 9 Plots now vacant and awaiting paperwork to be returned for 1 plot.
- Plot 36 is empty according to council records, but appears to be being cultivated.
- No further thefts had been reported.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/UPDATES

(a) Lack of signage

The Chair had found some reasonably priced markers for the plots and the AA members were happy with the suggestion if the council paid for them. It was decided for the asst. Clerk to order 60 of the approved design at £1.60 each.

(b) Railway Carriage

Previously the Council had given the AA until March 2024 to source alternative suppliers for the railway carriage repairs or the previously allocated funds (£700) would be withdrawn. The members of the AA suggested that perhaps the Spar might be a potential grant source for local projects. It was decided for the asst. Clerk to establish what funds are available and how to apply and the AA members would continue to investigate costs for materials.

(c) Rabbits/Pest Control

The Chair advised that the booked pest control never arrived.

(d) Hosepipes

With M McGarry not in attendance and other options such as double layering of hoses possible it was decided by those at the meeting that it was no longer a council issue and was now closed.

(e) Water Access

Due to the lack of funds within the Allotment budget it was not a viable option to install a standpipe when only a couple of plots would benefit (34-38). It was therefore decided by all in attendance that the issue was now closed.

(f) Soil Improver and Road Plannings

The asst. Clerk advised those in attendance that both the soil improver and road plannings applications had been turned down by the Red Tile Trust. The Trust's response had been that they have provided sufficient supplies of soil improver in recent years and that road plannings did not meet the requirements for funding.

(g) Rubbish by Railway Carriage

AA Members raised concerns about the amount of rubbish collecting alongside the railway as it blows around the site and isn't maintained. The asst. Clerk agreed to ask the Handymen to clear rubbish and burn any of the wooden materials.

ACTIONS

F Dykstra to find email correspondence from plot holder on 36, as well as speak to M McGarry to see if he has had any communication with the holder.

The Asst. Clerk was also going to put a notice on the door of the shed requesting the plot holder get in touch within 14 days or the contents of the plot would be removed.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

The next meeting of the Allotments Liaison will be held in October 2024.

Chairman.

Date.