

SACRISTON PARISH Allotment Association Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 Virtually Via Zoom

Present: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr R Sharp, Cllr D. Robson, Cllr E. Waldock, Cllr B Smith, Cllr R Harrison, Mr P Dawson and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr R Lomax

| ltem No. | Subject | Discussion and Decision | Lead Cllr (s) | Action/ Timescale |
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| 1 | Introductions | The Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. | EW | |
| | | Apologies were accepted from Mr R Lomax | | |
| | | Cllr G Ludlow attended the meeting. Cllr G Ludlow was co-opted onto the Allotment Association committee. | ALL | |
| 2 | Previous meeting minutes and actions | Amendment to previous minutes – the minutes were dated 4 th January 2021; this should have been 1 st February 2021. | CW | |
| | | Previous minutes from 1 st February 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record. | HD | |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Allotment rents – it was agreed that as the AGM has been postponed the allotment rents will also not be due until the AGM has taken place and the rent and dates agreed. | ALL | |
| 4 | Gates / Boundary Fence | Daisy Hill Fence – the plans from the Land Registry have been received and advice sought from DCC regarding the matter. | GL | |
| | | RESOLVED A meeting is to be arranged between Cllrs, Persimmon Homes and Deerness fencing to discuss the matter further. | CW | |

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| 5 | Treasurer's Report | No report. | CW |
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| 6 | Matters raised by plot holders | Nothing to report. | CW |
| 7 | Vacant Allotments/ Waiting list | WAITING LISTS Cross Lane waiting list – 14 | RS |
| | | Daisy Hill waiting list - 4 | CW |
| 8 | Representative Reports | Cross Lane A1 and A2 fence has been damaged, locks broken off cabin and greenhouse and compost removed. Tap and boxing damaged in P6 – this has been repaired by another plot holder. The water was turned off at the end of October and informed plot holders they could turn it back on to get water however, they to turn it off when not in use. It was reported that a gentleman has been accessing the allotments when being told not to. It was also reported that there was a tap in allotment P17 upon inspection the tap had been left running in the garden and water was overflowing into a Belfast sink. There are a few allotment holders that are tapping into the water supply and have their own supply in their gardens. The horses have now been removed; it was discussed about splitting the allotments as stabling is no longer required. Allotment holders have agreed to provide fencing for the Community Orchard Northumbria in Bloom project. | HD, RL |
| | | RESOLVED It was agreed that a letter will be sent to all allotment holders advising them of the issue with the water. It was agreed to install a stop tap within the boundary and put a box around that is only accessed by the committee members. A meeting was arranged between committee members to inspect the stabling and how it could be split. | HD, CW HD, RL, DR, PD, GL, BS |

| | | Agreed by Chair of Allotment Association | |
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| 10 | meeting | Meeting closed at 7.17pm | |
| 10 | Date of next | Next meeting to be held Monday 5 th April 2021 @ 6.30pm | |
| 9 | Applications for Buildings | No applications received. | CW |
| | | RESOLVED Tenancy Agreement can be sent to new tenant. He is to make payment of the deposit for the gate key to the representative. Rent will be due once it has been agreed at the AGM. | CW. RS |
| | | 3DH – previous tenant made a telephone call to a Cllr and this was quite abusive. A further phone call was received afterwards apologising for the previous caller's behaviour. The new tenant has been onto the allotment and has purchased items from the previous tenant, work has also started on the allotment and it is looking much better. | HD, RS |
| | | The committee was informed that work was being carried out on the front road of the allotments putting in new hedge plants and it was commented on how good it is looking. | DR |
| | | RESOLVED It was agreed that a further water tap can be installed at Daisy Hill. DCC will be contacted regarding the previous fly tipping issue which had been reported to them. | ALL RS |
| | | Daisy Hill It has been previously discussed about installing a further water tap at the allotment site. The previous costing for this was approximately £150 which was to supply items only and allotment holders would install this themselves. | RS |