

Allotment Meeting

Minutes

31st March 2023 at 6pm

Meeting room, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT

Present – Cllrs T. Fryer, M. Williams, M. Joannes, Assistant Clerk J. Perretta, 7 allotment holders.

Absent – Cllr L. Browning (work commitments), 4 allotment holders.

Election of Chairman – T. Fryer was voted to continue to be chair. All present agreed.

To agree previous minutes – T. Fryer agreed minutes.

To discuss due allotment fees for April 2023 to March 2024 –

All present discussed the current allotment fees of £40 for a full plot and £25 for a half plot. It was agreed full council would discuss and approve these fees for the coming year. JP confirmed some allotment fees have already been paid and she will update allotment holders should the fees be required to change by council.

To discuss poly tunnel requirements – It was discussed and confirmed by all present that the polytunnel works well and the liner has been provided and laid by C Pulley. It was agreed by all present allotment holders they would continue to be responsible for the upkeep of the maintenance to the Polly tunnel.

To discuss rubbish and metal work left on site – It was discussed and agreed by all present that they would organize a time and date to do a cleanup. JP has agreed she is happy to attend and assist with the removal of waste. It was agreed that going forwards the allotment holders would be responsible for keeping the allotments free of rubbish, metal works etc.

To discuss and decide on a date to remove waste – JP has agreed to assist with the removal of waste from the Parish Office area. once a date has been organized by the AH she will arrange removal of metal works and rubbish.

To discuss and decide on having wood chip and where? It was discussed and agreed by all present that having woodchip would be of use. Allotment holder C Pulley has agreed to source this and to arrange delivery. It was agreed this would be stored outside of the plots for general use. C Pulley will update the parish office as to when this will be delivered.

To discuss and decide on a compost bin – Decision deferred.

Any matters to discuss – AH have requested that all security bolt heights are checked and lowered to make access easier for all, locks to be checked and oiled regularly by the Parish maintenance. It was discussed the need for new blades for the communal mower. AH C. Pulley has agreed to find out the costs of what is needed and to speak to the Parish office for cost approval.

It was discussed and decided that any AH wishing to have a shed on their plot they would sign a separate agreement that includes the following. Sheds are to be restricted to no bigger than 6 x 4, they are not to cast shade on to neighboring plots and they must be kept in a good state of repair. Any sheds contents are NOT covered by the Parish Council Insurance.

Items to be discussed and decided at the next meeting – new shed agreement and communal compost bin.

Next meeting date -22nd September 2023 at 6pm in the Jubilee Hall meeting room.