



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes 22nd June 2022

ATTENDANCE: RICHARD ZEALLY, JOHN VICKERS., IAN POWELL, LIZ DAVIES

APOLOGIES: SID NYE

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1.Matters arising from last meeting	JV thanked RZ for the printing of the allotment photos, the purchase of the communal BBQ from the Village Hall had gone ahead donation of £150 had been handed over. Camera had been put in place to hopefully catch any wildlife activity so precautions could be put in place, donation from the plant stall held at the sports field was to be split three ways.	Minutes of the meeting were agreed and passed.
2 Gardeners' Question Time	Proposal to run a GQT session was discussed and agreed for the 20 th October	Confirmation of question team and venue, will need list of questions ready
3. Potato Weigh	All potatoes that were left have been planted up and handed out at the recent Jubilee celebrations, a list of those that had taken a bag need to be added to the spread sheet held by RZ, BBQ to be held on weighing day link with VH for use of BBQ	Proposed date for weigh Sunday 11 th September.
4. Potential Compost Bins Siting	It had been suggested that given the association could receive additional compost materials in the form of additional manure from Malcolm, leaf mould, horse manure etc, so a series of bins could be located along the strip of land that borders the cricket field and the allotments, or, alternatively on the allotment side of the wire fence, these could be constructed in the form of pallets which would allow ease of access.	Confirm location of compost bins, source pallets.
5. Lawn Mower Donation	An additional mower has been donated to the association courtesy of Joanna Cresswell, it will need a few repairs but will allow two mowers to be accessible	JV to assess and repair



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6. Sunday Propagation clinics	Given that we have now held a number of produce stalls linked to events in the village, it has been suggested that it might be a of benefit to allotment holders if Liz Davies shared her expertise in the manor of taking cuttings as well as tips on propagating seeds, not just for the allotment but any surplus could be donated to any plant stall we host in the future with monies raised to go back in to the allotment funds.	Confirmation of dates and times to be circulated on the web site.
7. Mares Tail	This invasive weed is still prominent across some of the plots, removal is as outlined in the item on the website is a slow and difficult process	Can we ask that ALL allotment holders either dispose of the weed off the allotment i.e., in their own green garden bins at home , or by burning it.
8. Additional Communal water tanks	If any plot holders would like an extra or replacement water tank the association will look at purchasing then on the plot holders behalf, the cost would then be passed on to the plot holder	Compile list of any potential additional tanks, replace the taps to the water tanks already in place.
9. AOB	<p>The association will need to purchase additional fence posts to ensure the perimeter fence is secure along with creating a short cut through to each side of the plots to and from the area to plots 21, 22, 23, through to plots 11,12 &13.</p> <p>There may have to be consideration towards a minimal potential rent increase for the year 2024 details to be posted on the web site. From the success of Joe Lofthouse presentation at the AGM, Joe has offered to host a series of clinics for each plot holder an initial trial session is to be held on the 30th June</p>	<p>Consultation with landlord to be undertaken.</p> <p>Formal offer to plot holders to be made following trial evening.</p>
10. Date of Next Meeting		20 th July 2022 Coore Arms 7.00pm