Notes of Allotment Holders Meeting Via Zoom 15th February 2021 PRESENT

Allotment Holders

Mr J Brightwell (2B), Mr P Jones (6A), Mr & Mrs Mutete (4B) Mrs G Nicol (6B), Mr R Peers (2A).

Apologies – Mr Bevan (1B), Mr P Whitby (3).

Parish Council

Lesley Jones, Andy Scarratt, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Welcome & Introductions.

Cllr Scarratt agreed to chair the meeting.

It was noted that Mr Hill had contacted the Clerk and had sadly decided to give up his allotment plots.

It was agreed to cover the following items during the meeting:

- Land ownership
- Hedges
- Composting/Waste
- Chickens
- Communal Storage
- Local interest

Landownership.

It was noted the site is owned by the Parish Council.

Maintenance

Hedge Cutting

It was agreed it would be helpful if the roadside hedge height was reduced to approx. 7 foot. It was agreed the Clerk would see if this could be done before March, if that was not possible it would be done in the autumn following the bird nesting season.

Composting Area & Communal Shed

It was agreed in create a communal composting area for things which could not be easily composted on plots at the road gate end of plot 5A, where the small shed could be utilized for communal storage.

It was agreed to proceed with the project unless a large number of plot holders objected.

Chickens

It was noted that there were now chickens on 2 plots which were doing very well.

Mr Brightwell joined the meeting following technical difficulties.

Rent 2021-2022

It was noted that it had been agreed that the rent for 2021-2022 would remain unchanged for the third year:

	Half Plot	Half Plot	Full Plot	Full Plot
		Concession		Concession
2021-2022	£37.00	£22.20	£54.00	£32.40

Future of Allotments

Mrs Nicol agreed to establish a Facebook page to promote the allotments site.

It was agreed to hold an open event one weekend in the July or August depending on Covid regulations, it was agreed to review this idea in May.

It was asked if bees could be kept on the site as is permitted on a number of allotments. It

was agreed that this was a good idea in principle but that other plot holders and neighbouring residents should be consulted, it was agreed the matter would be considered by the Parish Council at their next meeting.

Agreed Actions

Clerk – Seek hedge cutting and height reduction.

Parish Council – To review permitting bees to be kept on plots.

Allotment Holders – To look at creating a communal compost area and shed.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

Ann Wright 16/02/2021.