

Allotment Committee – minutes

Monday 23rd November 2020 via zoom.

Start time: 19:00

Present:

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| √ | Cllr. P Turner |
| √ | Cllr. Ms J Austen |
| | Cllr. Ms E Bradley |

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| √ | Cllr. Mrs Merricks |
| √ | Cllr. D Smedley |

In attendance: Miss C Dyer (Clerk) Members of the public were present.

1. **Questions or comments from members of the public relating to matters on the agenda.**
Mr R Plumb asked for an update on the installation of rabbit fences in Cricket Field. Cllr Turner advised that these works had been completed. Ms L Davidson queried who the representative was for Cricket Field and it was noted that the previous representative had stood down.
2. **Apologies for absence.** *Apologies received from Cllr Bradley.*
3. **Disclosure of interests.** *Cllr P Turner disclosed a personal interest as a tenant.*
4. **It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2020.**
5. **Update on waiting lists and new tenants.** *There are three on the waiting list for the vacant field garden at Rye Harbour, five for an allotment garden at Rye Harbour, three for the Cricket Field, three for Highfords and none for Pear Tree Marsh. There are new joint tenants at Cricket Field who took over a plot in November.*
6. **Locking of gates at Cricket Field.** *It was agreed that the smaller gate at Cricket Field would be locked with a combination padlock and chain to be purchased.*
7. **Rye Harbour Allotment Field Garden.** *It was resolved to form a subcommittee and working group to investigate the possibility of utilising the vacant paddock for both new allotment plots and larger field garden areas due to the number of people currently on the waiting lists. It was resolved that the Committee members shall be Cllr Turner and Cllr Smedley supported by the Clerk.*
8. **Feedback from allotment sites**
 - a. High Fords – No issues currently, a padlock has been installed on gate in response to recent break ins.
 - b. Cricket Field – One vacant half plot available however Ragwort still needs to be cleared.
9. **Update on actions.** *Further investigation needs to take place in to where the compost area at Rye Harbour can be re-sited to. The new handrail work at Cricket Field has been completed.*
10. **The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.**