

## WEST BERGHOLT ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes of meeting held on 16th July 2020 via Zoom

Present – Terry Claydon (Chair), Norma Smith (Secretary), Harry Stone, Mervyn Donnelly, Lynda Robinson, Stuart Meadows, Layla Beaumont

1. Apologies – None
2. Welcome to Layla Beaumont & Colin Waylen who have agreed to join the Committee.
3. Review of plots. Only one vacant plot which may be split into two. There are currently ten people on the waiting list, 4 of which are residents of the village who will have first priority. Possibility of a further plot becoming vacant due to house move.
4. Terry to provide Norma with the list of plot holder email addresses as a contingency back up. The Parish Clerk has a list of names & addresses as back up & for rent letters already.
5. A considerable amount of thought has been given to reopening the Charity stall for produce. However, the final conclusion was that it is still unsafe to do so due to Covid-19 and will reopen in 2021 but we will continue to review the situation.

Terry to contact Annie to see if she is willing for plot holders to place their excess on the table on her front lawn. The produce will be offered for free as a goodwill gesture to residents for their past support. Terry to email out to plot holders explaining.

6. The following request has been agreed for donation from the Charity stall money  
Rebecca Hartley £200 for the second Turtle Bus for Bluebells Nursery

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7. It is not considered appropriate to hold bonfires on site this year. We are looking into hiring a skip in the near future with a second one at a later date.

It is noted that Colchester Borough Council are considering charging residents for green waste (this currently on hold). If this transpires in the future, we will look into the possibility of a deal for the allotment waste however it was not considered appropriate that it would include waste from plot holder's own gardens.

Consideration needs to be given as to the future of any more bonfires & also how we handle waste.

8. Rent increases won't apply this year due to the Covid-19 situation however an increase will be reviewed for period Oct 1st 2021 to Sep 31st 2022 at our next committee meeting.
9. Inspections will be carried out concentrating on Health & Safety issues including trees that may pose a danger. The Trustees will be approached regarding any tree work as one of the Handymen is fully trained.

Norma Smith

Secretary

18/7/2020

