

WEST BERGHOLT ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES 8/4/21

Zoom meeting

Present – Lynda Robinson (Chair), Norma Smith (Secretary), Harry Stone, Stuart Meadows, Layla Beaumont, Teresa Tubby, Bob Taylor

1. Apologies – Colin Waylen
2. A formal communication is to go out to plot holders regarding the rent increase therefore Lynda will include in her next email
3. Skip is booked for Saturday 10/4 from 10am for plot holders. Metal items are to be put to the side & a scrap metal man will collect these on the Friday
4. For new structures on plots the max height should not exceed 6 feet 3 inches. If you are considering a higher structure, then contact the Chair before installing
5. A Risk Assessment has been completed for the allotment site. Small amendment required before sending off to the Parish Clerk. This will be used to help us focus on items that need addressing for everyone's safety.
One particular concern is the uneven ground on the main paths due to ruts from vehicle use. Consideration will be given for a plan to level this off over the winter period
6. Following a successful grant application, a new allotment shed is being erected in the area by the Chapel Road gate on 26/4. This is for plot holders at that end of the site to place their surplus veg if they are unable to take this to the main charity stall & will be collected each day. A bench by the shed for plot holders use will be considered in the future
Harry to liaise with volunteers who can collect the produce
7. Some very old & dangerous items have been left at the charity stall. Recycling items is to be admired however the stall is not a replacement for the dump & means we then have to dispose of them. A sign is already in place in the stall about what items can be left
8. It was agreed that the WBAA will sponsor a new Friendly Bench for the residents of the village from the charity stall money. It will have a plaque & it is hoped this will be placed on Poors field
9. Some of the plots have been remeasured as the plot sizes were incorrect. Thanks to Bob & his Son for completing this
10. The Allotment page on the village website has been revamped & will go live shortly
11. Items for Lynda's round robin email to plot holders discussed
12. AOB
 - The spare tools from the Allotment shed have been given to a charity that sends them to Africa where they are refurbished & benefit those less fortunate than us
 - The water tanks have been turned on & some repairs were required. We are waiting on a plumber to sort out further leaks. It is thought 2 were hit by vehicles. It has been established via the plumber & the water company that only the drinking water tap needs a non return valve fitted. Thanks to Lynda & her husband for cleaning out the tanks prior to turning them on
 - The bonfire area has now been cleared of all items & is being fenced off as it will be a new plot

Next meeting 15/7/21

Norma Smith

Secretary WBAA

