



**WEST BERGHOLT  
ALLOTMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

## Notes of committee meeting 19-Jul-22

Present: LR/BT/CW/HS/SM/ED

### 1.0 Apologies

1.1 Layla Beaumont.

### 2.0 Untended plots

2.1 Eight letters have been issued to plot holders. Three have improved, three have had termination letters and one plot holder has given up his plots. One plot given until end of July due to a communication issue.

2.2 Bill Matthews has offered to assist with clearance of overgrown plots using a ride-on brush cutter. Some clearance of debris, timber, etc. will be required before this can be done. SM suggested alternative quotes to be sought from landscape contractors.

2.3 Vacant plots - 46, 59, 66, 68, 77, 80, 91, 93.

2.4 *Waiting list* - Nine at present. Four want starter plots although none are available at present. Four starter plots could be created from larger plots. 77, 91 & 93 are possibilities.

### 3.0 Hedge cutting and tree reduction

3.1 Outside hedges are likely to be cut during October. Inside, possibly do half per year. HW to contact the local handyman about trees.

### 4.0 Date for skips

4.1 Additional skip may be required to remove debris from untended plots.

4.2 Skip for plot holders - 12<sup>th</sup> November (10 yard)

### 5.0 Blight

5.1 Despite early reports of blight, it doesn't seem to be a problem at present.

## 6.0 Finances

6.1 £3,075.26 balance in hand on general account.

6.2 Charity stall balance is £2,527.19

6.3 Requests for charity donations -

- 5Ts. £300 agreed.
- Bergholt Heath Football Club £300
- West Bergholt Cricket Club - All Stars cricket. £300

6.4 Formal applications will be required for charity donations.

6.5 Possible contributions to:

- the larder food bank in the autumn
- FISH (food in the school holidays)

6.6 Trust to be notified of any donations.

## 7.0 Subscriptions

7.1 2022-23 - no increase.

7.2 2023-24 - £2 increase per plot.

7.3 Discussion re: deposits for new plot holders from 2023. Joining fee (circa £20) to be added to allotment rule 9 (from September 2023).

## 8.0 Any other business

8.1 294m<sup>3</sup> of water was used for the whole of last year. This year 364m<sup>3</sup> so far due to dry weather.

## 9.0 Date of next meeting

9.1 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.