

## WEST BERGHOLT ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

## Notes of committee meeting dated 22-October-24

## LR/BT/JV/HS/CW/PH/SM/JG

1.0	Introductions & apologies
1.1	Julie Gillott was welcomed to the meeting.
1.2	Emma was unable to join the meeting.
2.0	Plots/general
2.1	Waiting list/vacant plots – Three plots are vacant (92, 93b, 127).
2.2	Manure delivery – Thanks to Neil Pulford for the September delivery which has been gratefully received.
2.3	Neglected plots –
	<ol> <li>Ongoing thanks to Phil for all his hard work in clearing plots.</li> </ol>
2.4	Skip – 16 <sup>th</sup> November. HS to arrange delivery (10 cu. yds).
2.5	Charity stall closure – 1 <sup>st</sup> November until 31 <sup>st</sup> March.
3.0	Finances
3.1	Outstanding rents –
	<ol> <li>Approximately £700 is still due but invoices state that payment is due by the end of October.</li> </ol>
3.2	Accounts – Current balance excluding charity stall money is £5,525.
3.3	Water usage – £543 this year to date. Water to be turned off by 1st December.
3.4	£1,000 to be added to the budget for site maintenance.
3.5	£1,000 to be added to the budget for future water bills.
4.0	Grant applications
4.1	Baby and toddler group - £230 approved.
4.2	Heathlands School PTA - £260 approved.
4.3	5Ts Club - £250 approved.
4.4	Post meeting note — St Mary's Church request towards flowers for Christmas and Easter - £50 approved.
5.0	Any other business
5.1	Thanks to Colin for his ongoing work in cutting the grass.
5.2	Hedge trimming – Outside being carried out w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Inside is the responsibility of the allotment holders. The amount is quite extensive. SM suggested that quotes are obtained. Extent to be established.

5.3	Plot 23's asbestos shed is badly deteriorated, currently used by Sid on plot 24.	
	Post meeting notes:	
	Parish Council has ascertained that it was erected prior to Sid taking on his allotment.	
	<ol> <li>A quote for removal has now been received by the Parish Council (£995+VAT). Work is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> November. Cost to be shared between the Parish Council and Allotment funds.</li> </ol>	
5.4	Discussion regarding handing the Chapel Road gate to improve access for manure deliveries.	
5.5	No cars on site from 1 <sup>st</sup> November to 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	
5.6	SM to buy some beer for the driver who delivered the manure.	
6.0	Date of next meetings	
6.1	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm (on Zoom).	