



Minutes of (Zoom) Committee Meeting Monday 15th March 2021

1. Present: Chairman; Carole Allen-Morley, Secretary; Denise Audoire, Treasurer; Iain Messenger, Grounds Maintenance Co-ordinators; Wayne Lawrence, Vincent Coutable, Committee; Bill Chandler, Melissa Doherty, Craig Findlater, Diane Kingston, Stephen Treglown
2. Apologies – Jenny Fakes
3. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting Tuesday 19th January 2021 - The date of the Meeting was incorrectly written in the draft Minutes. It has since been corrected. The minutes were agreed.
4. Finances – Iain reported that only two transactions have taken place. One returned deposit of £30 and receipt of £49 included £30 deposit, £19 rent & subs. There are approx £5,000 of RAHA funds available for spending. Iain does not yet have access to the Building Society account. He will produce an accurate report once he has access to all of the accounts.
It was agreed to buy Robert a Garden Centre voucher as a leaving gift which Iain will purchase from the funds. Denise has a leaving card to go with the voucher.
5. Matters Arising –
 - a, Shed / Container – Iain reported that we have an offer of a free half container from the Rugby Club. It was agreed that it could be placed on part of plot 129 which would be out of sight from the public and easy access for members. The container will be used to store RAHA equipment and will be available in May.
 - b. Members Licence Plates – The aim was to track down Members not adhering to the one way system. It was decided not to continue collecting licence plates due to the amount of work it created, constant vehicle change and more than one car per household. Instead anyone seen leaving by the entry gate could be named and shamed by taking a photograph of the car and posting it on facebook. Members are asked to display their plot number in their window if parked on another Member's parking place. It was suggested a note could be placed on any car thought to be parked without consideration for other Members.
 - c. New Equipment – A suggestion of buying a new shredder had been looked into. As a shredder is considered to be a hazardous piece of equipment, regular risk assessments and maintenance reports would be required for Insurance purposes. It was agreed not to buy any new equipment for now.
 - d. Notice Board – The small notice can be adjusted easily. Denise will meet either Wayne or Vincent for them to carry out the work.
6. Rats / Owl Boxes – Using rat poison is unsafe for small rodents and other wildlife or any animal which eats the poisoned rat. A suggestion of having feral cats on site would not be practical. Attracting a Tawny owl was considered but unlikely to make a great deal of difference and not ideal if they consumed poisoned rats. As it is an ongoing problem it was again decided that the best way to reduce the rat population is to reduce their habitat.
7. Grounds Maintenance –
 - a. Exit road repair – Melissa provided a quote for approx £4,000 to tarmac the road and Wayne quoted around £400 to repair it by scraping the surface off, laying stone and rolling it in. Wayne was asked to have the quote in writing within a week. As the road needs immediate repair, it was decided to go ahead with the gravel repair now and look into grants at a later date. Using tarmac for the road as a long term solution will be discussed at later meeting. Wayne and Carole will meet the contractor on Saturday to discuss the repair and cost.

- b. Knatchbull Road boundary fence repair – Carole will be planting a hedge along the inside of the boundary for now and possibly use wire as well at a later date.
 - c. Work parties – These can take place with 6 people from 29th March when restrictions ease. Clearing of vacant plots can then go ahead if required.
 - d. Paths – The path between plots 140 & 142 has been cleared.
8. Plots update / Waiting List –
- a. There are 18 vacant plots 3 of them need to be split. The vacant plots are; 13 / 14 / 15 / 24A / 26 / 26A / 40 / 41B / 60A / 66 / 94A / 99 / 100B / 113B / 116B / 117 / 118B & 129. There are 61 on the waiting list including 10 existing Members wanting extra plots. Plot letting will begin again from 29th March when 6 are allowed to meet outside.
 - b. Waiting list feedback - Denise has contacted around 20 from the top of the waiting list. Some have come off the list, some have not yet replied but most are ready to take a plot.
9. Plots Upkeep / Inspection Review-
- a. Plot 60A has given up.
 - b. Appeal Procedure - Carole has produced a draft for the Committee to review. It will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.
10. Manure Delivery – Carole will arrange for the deliveries to resume.
11. A.O.B. –
- Bonfires - A person from neighbouring housing has complained to TVBC Environment Health because of smoke nuisance from bonfires. A record is now being kept by the complainant for one Month. Members are asked not to have any bonfires now until further notice. Denise will put a notice on the notice board and send a letter to a Member who has recently had a bonfire.
 - Skip – Carole suggested we have a skip for Members to use for rubbish which would have been burnt and to remove rat habitation. It was agreed to have one, which Wayne will order for 11th April. The Committee will manage it on the day. Scrap metal will be put to one side.
 - Facebook – Melissa will continue to monitor posts which could be offensive to some Members.
 - Deposit Increase – Any increase in deposits has to be agreed at the AGM. It will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.
 - Committee were reminded to think about the Complaints Procedure document which will be discussed at the next Meeting. Also a decision has to be made about the road and the fence before the next Meeting.
 - Shows – Melissa can organise a Summer Show at short notice if Covid restrictions allow. Romsey Show may go ahead if restrictions allow.
 - Next Committee Meeting will be on Zoom.
 - Vincent announced that he will be standing down from the Committee as Grounds Maintenance Co-ordinator. He was thanked for the work he has carried out during his time on the Committee.
12. Diary Dates –
- Committee Meeting – Monday 17th May 2021 / 7.30 pm
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 12th July 2021 / 7.30pm
 - Summer Show - August (if taking place)
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 6th September 2021 / 7.30pm
 - Romsey Show – September 2021 (if taking place)
 - A.G.M. Monday 11th October 2021 / 7.30pm
 - Rent Day – Saturday 16th October 2021 / 10.00am – 12.00 noon
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 15th November 2021 /7.30pm (New Committee)

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