



### Minutes of (Teams) Committee Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

1. Present: Chairman; Carole Allen-Morley, Secretary; Denise Audoire, Treasurer; Iain Messenger, Grounds Maintenance Co-ordinator; Wayne Lawrence, Committee; Bill Chandler, Melissa Doherty, Diane Kingston, Stephen Treglown
2. Apologies – Jenny Fakes, Craig Findlater
3. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were agreed.
4. Matters Arising –
  - a. Bonfires – Carole has tried to find a solution to accommodate complainers whilst still allowing bonfires. She proposed that we allow bonfires for the first week of the month. RAHA will not be responsible for any bonfires outside of the week when the complainant will have to deal with the Member themselves.
    - A vote to allow bonfires for the 1<sup>st</sup> seven days of the Month was agreed.
    - A vote to allow bonfires all year or from October to March. The Committee agreed to allow bonfires from October to March.It will be on the AGM Agenda pending a change to rule 9f in the rule book.
  - b. Skip – Wayne was thanked for removing the surplus wood from the skip. Any skip ordered in the future is to be monitored and removed the same day. The date should not be changed. RAHA will not have another one immediately.
  - c. Rats – A suggestion for searching for rat runs during plot inspections was considered impossible. Members are encouraged to tidy up their plots as reducing habitat is still the key to reducing rat population. The Committee do not recommend the use of poison. It was agreed not to have a certified person to use poison. Plots have been tidied up by letting them. Iain, Stephen and Denise were thanked for letting the plots.
  - d. Container – Stephen had sent a plan to Committee for placing the container parallel to the road on plot 117, leaving the remainder of plot 117 to be divided into two 5 rod plots. Stephen, Wayne and Denise have met on site and measured the area. Nearby plot holders have been notified and have no objection to the container being sited there. Wayne will use ground covering and supply railway sleepers for a base. He will also look into extra security for it. The container will not be available until the end of June. The Rugby Club were thanked for donating the container. Wayne was thanked for arranging the extra items.
5. Grounds Maintenance –
  - a. Exit Road Repair – A drain cover in the road will have to be dealt with by Southern Water. They have contributed £200 towards the road repairs. Southern Electricity, have offered to contribute towards the cost every 3 years. It will be made clear to the services to leave the site via the Rapids entrance. It was agreed to use road planings rather than stone. Delivery will be at night. A work party is needed to help on the day. Date to be set for two weeks time.
  - b. Asbestos on Plots – Carole will remove the asbestos from a plot. Possible asbestos inside a shed to be left for now.
  - c. Boundary fence needs repairing. Wayne will look at costs of repair.
6. Finances –

Expenses – Rent cards and deposit returns. Skip payment pending £660.

Income – Rent, subs & deposits from new Members.

Funds of approx £9,300 including £4,700 deposits, leaving RAHA funds of £4,000 available for spending after skip payment.

7. Robert Le Grice – Robert has thanked the Committee for the card and gift voucher.
8. Plots Update / Waiting List -  
18 plots have been let, leaving 4 vacant plots to let. There are 56 on the waiting list including 11 existing Members.  
The possibility of using part of vacant plot 56A for manure and wood chip deliveries was discussed. Stephen had sent a plan to Committee showing using one quarter of the 4 rod plot. It was agreed to go ahead with the plan leaving the remaining 3 rod available to let as a small plot.
9. Plots Upkeep / Inspections
  - a. Members first warning – Denise has contacted 5 Members who were flagged up on inspections. All have agreed to begin working their plots when able to.
  - b. Draft Complaints Procedure – Will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. La Ronde – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 –11.00am – 5.00pm  
Entrance will be at Knatchbull gate end. Two tables will be set up for artefacts found on plots and produce for sale. It will be kept low key. Carole will e-mail to Members about it.
11. Facebook – Nicknaming – As Facebook allow nicknames it was not considered a problem as long as the Member follows the rules set up by the Administrator.
12. WhatsApp Group –  
The Committee discussed a suggestion for having a WhatsApp group as well as Facebook. As it would need monitoring it was suggested one of the officers monitor it. The officers will discuss it and decide if any of them wants to be responsible for taking on the role.
13. Deposit Increase –  
A proposal to increase deposits was discussed. Suggestions that plots should still be affordable to most and RAHA should not be holding large amounts of money in deposits. To be discussed again at the next Committee meeting. Any changes will be on the AGM Agenda.
14. A.O.B. –
  - Carole suggested the September Committee Meeting could change to 13<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed to change to the 13<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Romsey Show will not have a horticultural marquee this year. As exhibits will be outside and have to provide their own gazebo, it was decided not to take part this year. Melissa can still organise a RAHA Show at short notice.
  - A Member has asked why plot 14 has been let when January Meeting recorded it to be used for parking. Following the January Meeting further research was carried out on Facebook and Carole asked several plot holders their opinion. Results were, parking would be permanent / long waiting list / parking not needed at that end / many preferred as a plot to let. It was considered the best option was to re-let it. The plot has been transformed by the new Member and Carole has e-mailed the Member with congratulations.
  - Committee Meeting in July will be held at the Comrades Club if Covid restrictions allow.
15. Diary Dates –  
La Ronde –Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Committee Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 / 7.30pm  
Summer Show - August (if taking place)  
Committee Meeting – Monday 13<sup>h</sup> September 2021 / 7.30pm  
A.G.M. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 / 7.30pm  
Rent Day – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 / 10.00am – 12.00 noon  
Committee Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 /7.30pm (New Committee)







