



### **Minutes of (Zoom) Committee Meeting Monday 12<sup>h</sup> July 2021**

1. Present: Chairman; Carole Allen-Morley, Secretary; Denise Audoire, Treasurer; Iain Messenger, Grounds Maintenance Co-ordinator; Wayne Lawrence, Committee; Melissa Doherty, Craig Findlater, Diane Kingston, Stephen Treglown
2. Apologies – Jenny Fakes
3. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
Bonfires – A statutory nuisance warning was served on RAHA from TVBC earlier in the year because of bonfire smoke. Limiting bonfires to the first week of the month will help to avoid it being a persistent nuisance. RAHA will not be responsible for any bonfires outside of that week and the complainant will have to deal with the Member themselves. It will be put forward at the AGM and if voted for, will be included in the rules. The Minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> May were approved.
4. Matters Arising –
  - a. Container – The site is ready for the container which will be available at the end of August or early September. Wayne will look at the security for it when it arrives.
5. Grounds Maintenance –
  - a. Exit Road Repair – The road repair has been holding up so far. Compliments were received for the work and one complaint. It will be reviewed again during the winter.
  - b. Work parties – The boundary fence near the roundabout will be repaired with wooden panels in the worst areas. Wayne will organise the work. Vacant plot 24A needs strimming with a work party. Also plot 24B could be strimmed. Carole and Melissa will discuss posting it on facebook.
  - c. Asbestos – Lining in a shed on 117B which could be asbestos will be left for now. Identified asbestos on another plot will be removed by Carole and disposed of at the local Asbestos Waste Disposal Centre.
  - d. The hedge along Southampton road would benefit from Members cutting back the brambles which are getting overgrown and spreading onto the footpath.
6. Finances –

Expenses – £252 paid to Wayne for road repairs.  
Pending Expenses – Hire equipment approx £340.  
Income – Rent, subs & deposits from 3 new Members.  
The numbers are robust and there are enough RAHA funds for any miscellaneous spending.
7. Plots Update / Waiting List -

Plots let 56A / 66B / 117A; & 117B was let twice. One vacant plot 24A has been hard to let. There are around 60 on the waiting list.  
The manure / woodchip bay was created on part of 56A. Wayne will look into finding another supplier of good quality manure. Stephen mentioned that Members have been hitting the fence along 56A when parking there. Wayne will put up some kind of barrier to protect the fence and any Member on the plot.

8. Plots Upkeep / Inspections
  - a. Inspections / Warnings / Notice letters – Iain and Stephen carried out monthly inspections and reported results to Carole and Denise. One month's notice letter was sent to plot 131 in June. The Member requested an extension of notice to 25<sup>th</sup> July because of Covid isolation rules he has adhered to. It was agreed to allow a 14 day extension of notice until 25<sup>th</sup> July. If the plot is not sufficiently cultivated by then an eviction notice will be served.  
Committee agreed one month notice letters to be served on plots 23A / 63A / 100A & 113A. Plots 1 and 87 have had first warnings. 66A is still new will not need a first warning. Carole has contacted people from the waiting list who have offered help to Plot 24B. If anyone else wants to help, please contact Carole.
  - b. Draft Complaints Appeal Procedure – The procedure was agreed.
9. La Ronde – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 11.00am – 5.00pm  
The event was a success with around 100 visitors who enjoyed walking round the plots. A total 260 tickets were sold and RAHA sold 8 at the gate. Local press took photographs. Plenty of produce was donated and nearly all sold with left over plants left at the main notice board. Money raised from produce was £97.65 which Iain will make up to £100. It was agreed to donate £50 each to Charities Youth in Romsey and Headspace who both have RAHA plots.
10. WhatsApp Group – None of the Officers wanted to organise a group. Any Member can organise one themselves, but it should be made clear that it is an unofficial group. Anyone needing to contact the Committee should do so in the normal way or through facebook.
11. Deposit Increase – Deposits are used as an incentive to leave a plot in a good condition. Stricter plot inspections are working which helps. Any change to the deposit will be on the AGM Agenda.
12. A.O.B. –
  - Committee were asked to help tidy a plot for a Member who is ill. Denise will first contact their relative to check it is alright to do so.
  - RAHA Summer Show – If Covid restrictions allow it may be possible to have a summer show this year. It can be held at the allotments on the main car park early September on a Saturday morning. Melissa will organise it.
  - Carole asked the Committee to consider whether they want to stand again on the Committee or change their position on the Committee. To be discussed at the next Meeting in preparation for the AGM.
  - One person not adhering to the speed limit had nearly caused a collision with another Member. Members are reminded that now the road has been repaired they must still adhere to the speed limit. Carole will e-mail Members for opinions on putting in speed bumps.
13. Diary Dates –  
Summer Show - September (if taking place)  
Committee Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</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)

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