

ROMSEY ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held on 15th May 2023
Held at Comrades Club at 19.30 hrs

1. Attendance

Carole Allen-Morley (CAM) - Chair
Bill Chandler (BC)
Stephen Treglown (ST)
Gemma Collins (GC)
Alf Tilt (AT)
Jenny Fakes (JF)
Julie Facchini (JDF)
Iain Messenger (IM)

2. Apologies

Wayne Lawrence (WL)

3. Minutes of last Committee Meeting 6th March 2023

Minutes of meeting were approved

4 Matters Arising

A) Site Container – will be ready to move after late May bank holiday. IM
The site container has some damage to the roof causing damp and corrosion
Work party consisting of AT, WL and BC to repair and secure. AT/WL/BC
B) Hedge at Exit Gate
Hedge has been watered and cared for by Rob Hiley. Many thanks Rob.
C) Exit Gate Car Park and Signage
A sign is to be erected to discourage people from entering the site via Knatchbull, WL or BC
ST and Sue to monitor effectiveness. ST/SUE

5. La Ronde 9th July 11.00-17.00

Carole to check with organisers that RAHA is registered. CAM
Facebook Advertising to promote: GC
- Best dressed plot
- Best dressed scarecrows
- Display items found on the allotments
- Produce for sale

6. Asbestos Removal

Well in hand, Awaiting double wrapping and removal to Netley Recycling Centre CAM/JDF

7. Welcome Letter Changes

JF will look at existing welcome letter and Craig's to amalgamate with relevant rules and information prominent and friendly advice enclosed. JF

8. Pumps

Debate about pump maintenance costs. It was decided that individual and groups of plot holders are responsible for the correct method in using the pumps and the replacement of washers as required.
It was felt that more information needs to be decimated to plot holders on correct

- usage and GC will be making an information video on this subject. GC
 For any missing or broken hardware, the committee will decide on a case-by-case basis whether to offer financial assistance, there will be a sub group headed by AT and WL for welding and refurbishment of pump hardware. AT/WL
- 9. Probation for New Members**
 ST proposed on behalf of the lettings team that when letting plots, we should mention within the first 3-6 months if the Allotment/Plot is not for them then they can talk to the team and hand the plot back, receive their money back and if requested go back on the waiting list. We have so few plots available that people are taking plots offered which may not be suitable for them, this will hopefully alleviate the problem. IM/ST/JDF
- 10. Risk Assessment Update**
 These were undertaken by AT and Rob Hiley who have edited/refined the Risk Assessment as required by our insurance.
 They will be reviewed in 2 yrs time.
 GC will replace the existing ones on the website GC
- 11. Finances**
 Carole needs to sign form for teachers account which will remain open with a minimal amount in. CAM
 IM confirmed - £4300 in operational Account
 - £4930 in savings account
 Recent audit of plot deposits showed approx 15% of plot holders had not paid Rent deposits due to length of times they had held their plots, Pre 2010
- 12. Vacant Posts**
 We have 3 vacant Committee posts presently, Rob Hiley and Craig Findlater have both resigned.
 We welcome Deborah Sargeant who will be joining the committee.
 Both the Secretary and Events Co-ordinator posts are available,
 GC to post on Facebook asking for volunteers GC
- 13. Waiting List**
 Currently 25 people on the waiting list, plus 3 members wanting more rods and an additional 5 people who have deferred till Jan 2024 JDF
- 14. Plots Update**
 Committee voted to serve a NTQ on a plot holder who failed to keep their plot 9c compliant, in the May plot inspections three 28 day notices were issued.
 Committee voted to turn Plot 95 into a community plot for RAHA.
 Will need to be maintained, rota suggested for grass cutting etc. CAM/GC
 BBQ suggested for summer months for RAHA members
- 15. Ground Maintenance Co-Ordinator Report**
 Anecdotal evidence from IM suggested plot holders were not averse to potholes as drivers must slow down to avoid damage to their cars.
 Wayne has managed to source road repair material and there will be Working parties, Sunday 21st May at 10AM and Saturday 27th May at 10AM, please bring wheelbarrows.

16.

AOB

Pickling company in Shootash are offering a barter system where they will pickle your produce for you.

2023 Diary Dates

17th July Committee Meeting (Monday)

12 August RAHA Show (Saturday)

4th September Committee Meeting (Monday)

9th September Romsey Show (Saturday)

16th October Annual General Meeting (Monday)

21st October Rent Payment Day

13th November Committee Meeting/New Committee (Monday)