

Romsey Allotment Association Committee meeting

Monday 13th November 2023 7.30pm Comrades Club

Present: Carole Allen-Morley (Chair), Jules Facchini (Membership Secretary), Jenny Fakes, Alf Tilt, Deborah Sargent, Iain Messenger (Treasurer) (arrived late), Dave Watson & Shirley Dawson (Secretary)

1. Apologies: Wayne Lawrence (Estate Management Co-ordinator)

2. Minutes of last meeting Approved

3. Welcome new committee members and last year review

Welcome to Shirley & Dave. Last years Committee achieved all five targets; 1) Road repairs; 2) Fence Replacement and hedge planting along Knatchbull Close; 3) Exit Gate corner plantings; 4) Banners for chippings & manure & recycled metal and 5) Skip

a) Summary this years targets:

- Improve state of plots
- Security and Gate Closing at night
- Road repair using road planings
- Container moved
- Write Code of Conduct about use of offensive language to committee and plot holders

4. Meeting Schedule

Meet every other month on a Monday at 7.30pm in Comrades club

2024 : Jan 15th *Shirley to print out and give to Comrades club*

March 25th

May 13th

July 15th

Sept 9th

Oct 7th 7pm AGM

Oct 12th RENT DAY Saturday

Nov 18th first meeting for New committee

5. Site Container

Container given by Rugby club taken 3 years to get ready to move to site due to multiple problems. For keeping Tools etc in. Plot 117 had been made ready. Now going to plot 115 due to electric cables in way for delivery. **Carole** and **Alf** to check site. **Iain** to organise

movement of container. Work party needed to move hard core. **Jules** contact Denise to find out about hard core removal.

Container will need repairs to roof and making suitable for use.

6. Entrance and Exit Gates

Alf has prices for moving Gates. Provided a plan (enclosed) To complete all work: £1464 including VAT . £1100 + £120 for Jockey Wheels + VAT

After discussion Committee decided to just move Main Entrance gate, ensuring car park not affected, but leave exit gate where it is for now and add jockey wheels to both gates to aid closure. No hedge planting at main gate as this causes problems when not regularly cut. **Alf** to get new price and discuss at next committee meeting. Target: Complete Feb/March

7. Road Repairs

Majority of people at AGM happy with road planings. The planings on site are still usable. Road repair Work Party on Saturday 13th January 2024 Advertise on Facebook and notice board.

8. Community Plot (Plot 95)

Carole provided plan as it is now. Suggestions for Patio/ BBQ area. Asparagus side plantings. Move raspberries to side. Make planters. One to start with and more if popular.

9. Web Site and Emails

Still waiting for emails and AGM minutes to be sorted. Robbie King, who volunteered at AGM is away at present. Not able to get emails from prospective plot holders.

10. Finances

53 rents outstanding **Jules** to send emails to nonpayers

Transferred money from Teachers Building Society to HSBC Deposit Account, holds all the deposits. Can move money easily between current and deposit account.

Rent has been paid to Broadlands.

- £4250 Deposit Account (plot deposits)
- £6000 Free cash (spending)
- £30 left in Teachers account

Expenses for coming Year: £3000 to do up container, new gates, Skip (**Wayne** to organise skip)

11. Waiting List

24 new applicants on waiting list to August (unable to access emails after this date)

5 existing members would like extra rods

5 new members have deferred

12. Plots Update

7 Plots available. Could divide up plots given back to provide smaller ones, preferred by new members.

13. Grounds Maintenance/

Wayne not present. Pumps need to be made ready for winter **Carole** to find information and distribute

Agreed to give £90 to Rob Hiley for extra plants for fencing near back fence

Work Party 2nd December 10-1pm to clear and erect fence on Plot 6b Agreed to give £30 for postcrete. **Carole** to speak to Rob Hiley to organise

