

**Allotment Advisory Group
Meeting Notes
25th March 2022**

1. Plots Updates

There is currently 1 vacant half plot and 2 on the waiting list.

We have been offered a managed beehive and had considered siting it on the vacant half plot but since 2 plot holders have voiced concerns we have decided against it.

The plot has now been offered to the first person on the waiting list.

Tidy up letters have gone out to 2 plot holders, both have come back with a positive reply.

2. Bonfires

The Parish Clerk received an email from a near neighbour of the allotment site, Mrs Paula Boyce. She complained that a bonfire had spoiled her enjoyment of her garden over a recent weekend. Sarah to reply to the email to tell her that we will do what we can to improve the situation for her by reviewing our rules and regulations.

We will review and update our rules and regs on bonfires and send out to tenants.

The rules and regs will also be sent out with the invoices each year asking tenants to read, sign and return.

3. Rules and Regulations

Review of whole booklet underway.

4. Informal Sharing of Plots

It has come to our notice that a few plots are either being shared informally or are being looked after by someone that isn't the named tenant. This is a sensitive situation and we don't want to upset anyone as all of these plots are both tidy and productive. Sarah will have a friendly chat with the people concerned.

It should be noted that there is one very successful formal plot share that enabled an elderly tenant to hand over his plot to someone younger but continue to be involved when he feels able.

5. Allotment Tap

Still not fixed. Ramune has someone going to look at it. Will chase.

6. AOB

Rents – The Church Commissioners have increased the rent on the site by £25. The AG discussed the possibility of increasing plot rental but, in view of the current economic situation, decided against it, subject to approval by BPC. We will review again later in the year.

Grass Cutting – when the handymen cut the grass on site they go up and down the middle but leave 12-14in on each side uncut. Sarah to ask Ramune how much time is allocated to allotment grass cutting with a view to improving it.

The Shelter - it is now complete and the bench installed. The AG are very happy with the result.

The New Fence - contractor has covid and due to a school contract that needs to be completed during the school holidays the start date has been put back to end of April. Mark to speak to him to try to bring date forward.

Update – ND Fencing will now start next weekend and will hopefully complete over the Easter holidays.

Date of Next Meeting – to be agreed.