

Allotment Advisory Group
Meeting Notes
1st February 2022

1. Plots Updates
No vacant plots and one person on the waiting list.
2. Shelter
The shelter has been ordered.
Dave Bowmans quote was favourable. He will clear the area and lay weed membrane, which we already have. He has a supply of free woodchip which will cover the membrane. He can complete the job by the Tesco deadline of 15 March.
3. Allotment Tap
Steve McDonagh has been asked to quote to source and fit a more suitable, robust tap.
4. Grass Cutting
Sarah asked if the community area could be included in the regular monthly cut of the allotment paths. Caroline will discuss with Ramune.
5. AOB
Sarah has received a complaint from the holder of plot 23.
They say that two of their benches have been broken by, they believe, the handymen when they cut the grass. They have asked for compensation.
Sarah has explained that nothing can be proven either way and it is therefore very unlikely that they will be compensated but that it will be looked into further.
Ramune has asked Martin if he knows anything about it which he denied.
The area of the allotment that they are using for their bench is, strictly speaking, part of the wide grassed verge at the top of site. Rosie has suggested that maybe it was damaged by someone turning their car around, but again, this can't be proved either way.
Sarah will go back to the plot holder and explain the situation and suggest that they move it to within their plot.

Date of Next Meeting – to be agreed.

Update – 24.02.22

The fence installation has been delayed until Thursday 3rd March.

Dave Bowman is erecting the shelter in the community area today.

Plot 23 complaint – Sarah has emailed to explain that nothing can be done and that they will not receive any compensation. The plot holder seems to have accepted this.

We have been asked if we would like a beehive on the site. It was decided that should this go ahead the best place for it would be at the top end, nearest to the A1.

Sarah contacted all plot holders to ask how they felt about it and all replies were positive with the exception of Nick Williams who has plots 24 and 25 with the grapevines. He is worried about his young family and also occasions when he has to spray his grapevines. Sarah spoke with Tim Wylie, the beekeeper who would supply and manage them, to discuss further. Tim will speak with Nick direct and also visit the site.