

Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting Allotments Committee

on Thursday 9th September 2023. 2pm

at the Allotments and Community Gardens

Committee Members: Cllr J Edwards (Chairman), Cllr L Browning and Cllr L Baillie Co-opted members: Andy Brooks, Sue Cainey, Fiona Green and Bill Baillie.

Members of the Public and Plotholders - 9

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Undertaken by : Lee Browning

Minutes

1.	Welcome and Housekeeping	
1.1	General housekeeping	
2.	Co-option of Plot holders.	
	Committee members were appointed - Sam (TBC) and Mark Frampton	
	Resolved: Allotment Committee for 23/24	
3.	To receive apologies:	
	Martin sent apologies and Bill was running late	
4.	To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests.	
	None	

5.	To approve the Minutes of the last Allotment Committee Meeting held on. 24th June 23	
	Minutes of Allotment Committee meeting held on 24 th June 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.	
6.	Allotment lead gardener	
6.1	Resolved: Bill Baillie was elected as Lead Gardener for the next two years	
	Assistant Lead Gardener is current vacant as Chair needs to speak to Dave Quinney, to be item on agenda for next meeting.	JE
7.	Allotment Budget	
7.1	Current Spend to end of August was £4294.77	
	 Decision made that notice board from Library will be used at community gardens. A key may be required. 	Clerk
	Horse Manure – Agreed but just need to set up business account with company.	Clerk
	 Skip has been paid for, just need to confirm the date. John E to prepare costing and budgets required for next season 	Clerk JE
7.2	 Allotment maintenance plan for the year ahead Plots to be numbered (agreed last meeting) Skip required for early December and ask all plot holders to clear behind the sheds to enable reaching the hedges and move to front of their plots. Once cut it will be the responsibility of plot holders to maintain the hedge. 	JE JE

8.	Community Gardens	
8.1	To Receive Report from Cllr Edwards Resolved : Cllr Edwards gave his report.	
8.2	Cllr Frampton to give a report on the volunteers that he oversees. To bring back a report in October when the season has ended, will provide progress for whole year. Agreed that end of season would be mid-October.	MF
8.3	Community Decision on growing plan for year 23/24 Cllr Edwards to do this report and distribute. - Hedgehogs – arranging a meeting to discuss if Community Gardens is viable option. - Bee-Hives, Cllr Edwards to sit with Cllr Browning and determine if viable - In discussion with a company to see if can do chicken coop. - Looking at resurrecting the Pond, for frogs etc.	JE JE JE JE
9.	Public Participation To adjourn to allow public participation. Residents are requested to give their views and question the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Full Council Meeting itself. Seeds – Sue donated some seeds to the Community Gardens Assets List – Cllr Frampton asked if this is in progress, Cllr Edwards to review and check inventory. Policy - Cllr Frampton asked if there was going to be a no-dig policy and remain Organic.Resolved: Bill Baillie confirmed that it was a dig policy and that would be Organic. Gazebo- Resolved: Confirmed that the Gazebo would be taken down on 1st November Moving of Tree – Cllr Frampton was not happy with the Cherry tree been moved as we have now lost a tree and volunteer. Bill Baillie explained why we moved it and the general concentus was accepted why moved. Donations to Community Gardens:, Cllr Edwards reminded all that any donations to the Community Gardens then belongs to the gardens and not taken back.(ie Bees), This may need to be stated on lease agreements.	JE

	Name of Community Gardens, Cllr Edwards to discuss this with Full Council.	JE
	Meeting closed at 3pm	
8.	Date of the next meeting: Thursday 7 th December 2023, at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive	

Signed (Chair):
Date: