



Minutes of meeting 22nd Aug 2021 10:30am

Attendees:

A Lines

D Devey T & J Kitchen

S Lines Anabel & Mom

G Flint Bernard

A Middleton Mark

Health / Safety & Security:

It was shared at the meeting that the trees the back of the Brook are end of life and will be removed within 18 months, Healthy spaces team assure me the brook will be cleared in September. We had a break in on 27th July where money a generator and 2 petrol strimmers were stolen, there were a further 3 more allotment sites broken into on the same night, Gary Flint (Local Councillor) is trying to get a new fence next to the school which is where the thieves gained entry. There was concern of Dogs not on leads and dog mess on plots- ALL DOGS Must be on leads when not on there own plot. There was a statement regarding GRA being a one way- after consultation this is at the sites discretion.

Site:

The site has seen a lot of improvement over the last 18 months, with the creation of a wild flower meadow and orchard, improvements to the car park a new fence and the building of an apiary to house honey bees.

It was reiterated to plot holders that the verge in front of their plot is to be maintained by the plot holder.

We have applied for several grants to include; severn trent, The Lottery and we have just hit our target in a crowdfund project to start a craft centre and buy the tools required.

We were informed by Gary Flint that an application to have handicapped toilets on site is with central government for approval.

Several plot holders have received 28 day notices to improve, most have improved but not all, next step will be 7 days to leave the site.

Shop:

As previously stated the shop was broken into and cash\generator stolen which wiped out our profit, NWAA did donate £500 to get the shop safe and an alarm has been fitted and other improvements planned. Compost has been in short supply but have now been informed the supply is now getting a lot better.

Bank:

Current Balance in the Bank is £2,510 which is tremendous but includes unspent project monies and ring-fenced monies!

Self Managing Grenfell:

Gary Flint gave a talk on the benefits of going self managed rather than paying all our money in to be shared amongst 6 sites of which we are the largest. This will be put to a vote on the 19th September meeting @10:30am.

Future:

Next year we will be looking to have several open days/ Events for the plot holders and local community to attend, With this in mind we are looking to see if we have anyone with event organising skills to help the committee also someone that is skilled in community engagement to get support from the wider community. We will be running some friendly competitions the detail of which to be agreed

Volunteers:

We will restart the volunteer days to help around the site, we will be looking at once a month for a few hours to basically keep the site clean. If we can not get the volunteers we may start a service charge in order for us to outsource the work but the size of our site I am sure we will have enough volunteers.

Meeting closed @ 13:15