

## GRENFELL ROAD ALLOTMENTS

<b>SITE MEETING</b>	09.03.19
<b>MEETING CHAIRED BY:</b>	Debbie Devey
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Debbie Greensill, Debbie Devey, Andrew Middleton, Alan Maritza, Bill Cox, Jackie Kitchen, Tim Kitchen  <b>Apologies:</b> John Devey, Stuart Lines, Alan Lines

Minutes of the meeting held on 21.11.18 between Clive Morris (Walsall Council), Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick and members of the Grenfell Road Committee were distributed, discussed and an update provided:

- The water meters, which are located outside the perimeter of the site, have yet to be secured.
- The brook: concerns are ongoing. Everyone is reminded that if you are bringing children onto the site it is your personal responsibility to ensure they do not play near the brook. It is very deep in parts and there is a lot of silt. **Please do not let children play near the brook.**
- The Bridges: One of the bridges on the site has been repaired. There remains concern regarding the safety of the other bridge.
- The rat infestation: problem ongoing.
- Perimeter fencing: responsibility of Green and Clean. Problem ongoing.

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	<p><b><u>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY:</u></b></p> <p>See above</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>SITE STATUS:</u></b></p> <p>All rents have been collected. A total of £2,028.00 was collected. John Devey has donated his 5% share of the rent collected to the site. Thank you John.</p> <p>There are no vacant plots at the moment.</p> <p>There are 3 people on the waiting list, with a further 2 expressions of interest.</p> <p>Concern was once again raised regarding uncultivated plots, unsafe structures on plots and some plots being generally very untidy.</p>	<p>It was agreed at the meeting that Debbie Devey would seek assurance from North Walsall Allotment Association at their meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, that they will support the Grenfell Road Committee in the eviction of plot holders who are not cultivating their plots.</p> <p>A site tour will be undertaken on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and it was proposed that formal improvement notices be given/sent to any plot holder who is</p>

	<p>Rents have been frozen and will be reviewed at the next AGM.</p>	<p>not meeting the standards outlined in the <b>Grenfell Road Allotment Society Terms and Conditions of Allotment Tenancy.</b></p> <p>It was proposed that failure to satisfactorily comply to an improvement notice will result in formal eviction notices being given. The notice period should be 7 days, after that the plot should be offered to the person at the top of the waiting list. It is not acceptable for plots to be uncultivated and kept in a state of total disrepair when there is a waiting list.</p> <p>If plot holders have made a member of the committee aware of their personal reasons why they are unable to maintain their plot, this will of course be taken into full consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that notification of the site visit should be posted on Facebook, along with with an explanation of the 28 day improvement notice process and the 7 day eviction notice process.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>THE SHOP:</u></b></p> <p>Supplies have been ordered to restock the shop.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>BANK ACCOUNT:</u></b></p> <p>£3,438.00</p> <p>£1,331.00 is ring fenced for use</p> <p>£816.00 used to restock the site shop</p> <p>£1,760.00 is for the project building</p> <p>£347.04 – available</p> <p>£67.40 – shop float</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>WHG PROJECT MONEY:</u></b></p> <p>The base has been prepared for the project building.</p>	<p>The project building is scheduled for delivery on 14<sup>th</sup> Mach 2019.</p>

6.	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will the water be turned back on?</li> <li>• It was advised that North Walsall Allotment Association had stated that all plots must have a plot number visible to facilitate site inspections. Number plaques have been provided and are in the process of being erected onto all plots.</li> <li>• Concern was raised regarding the state of the ladies and gent's toilets. The toilets have been left in a disgusting manner on multiple occasions throughout the period when the water is turned off. It was requested that the toilets be 'locked off' when the water is turned off to prevent further abuse of this facility. Andrew Middleton stated that keys to facilitate the "locking off" process were given to Alan Lines when he took over the chairmanship of the site.</li> </ul>	Around 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
	<p><b><u>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relocation of notice boards – not discussed.</li> <li>2. Lock for 2<sup>nd</sup> gate to facilitate improved access to the site – not discussed.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019</b></p> <p><b>10.30</b></p> <p><b>IN THE CONTAINER</b></p>		