

Minutes of Allotments WG, Monday 18th September 2017

Present: S.Haynes, P.Woodhams, E.Habib, G.Copeland, M.Cheale, M.Wade, R.Strachan

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Public speaking:** None
- 3. Declarations of interest:** SH & EH are allotment plot holders.
- 4. Notes of meeting 26th June 2017:** Agreed.
- 5. Reps reports:**

Baxendale (GC): #20 untenanted has been taken over; there have apparently been 2-3 expressions of interest but rep not informed. Paths are in good order.

Folly (MC): Written report submitted. #1 doing well; **Office to check status of #31/33; MC to inform Office of where hedges need cutting back by PC contractor** (behind #4 & adj #25).

Hitchens (MW): Nothing new, still several uncultivated plots. One new tenant of ~3 months: EH to contact and advise MW.

Glebe (RS): #4 uncultivated since death of tenant Peter Spiers earlier this year: **check Office is aware.** Large clump of bamboo on #14: **rep to check** whether inherited, or planted by current tenant and advise removal. **#15 overgrowing brambles need brush-cutting.** #43 horseradish removed & plot now cultivated. #45b untenanted. #51a chickens: **check office have agreed.** Enthusiastic tenants should be contacted by rep and invited to next WG with a view to becoming involved in promoting allotments.

General comments:

- Improved communication with Office needed: reps should be informed of new tenants, shed & livestock requests etc by email. A column to this effect should be included on the Office management spreadsheet.
- It would be desirable to have a functional allotment user group that could communicate & be informed by email. SH & Office to coordinate with reps re feasibility.
- Reps were uncertain as to who the current (2017) best plot winners were, although their names had been published in the Pump magazine. **For the record, they were: Mr Ian**

Brookes, Ms Jumore Chavhundra, Mrs Mary Cheale, Mrs Morris, & Ms Simpson (overall)

- Allotments should be promoted in the next issue of the Pump. To this end MC will devise a suitable simple map to indicate where the different fields are.
- SH to contact Mini Magazine to see if they will do a feature promoting the allotments.

6. Update of regulations: Minor changes to the “final revision” were discussed and agreed. SH will go through his annotated master copy with the Office prior to submission to CI Committee for formal approval.

- **Check full updated regs including tenancy agreement 2.3 to ensure they are available on the website.**