

Minutes of a meeting of the Calstock Parish Council, RECREATION COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 20 July 2021, at the Allotments, Crow Lane at 1800.

Those present were; -

**COUNCILLORS:** Cllr Wakem (Chair), Cllr Wells, Cllr Warwick, Cllr Alford. 13 Allotment holders were present and contributed to discussions. Miss Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk – *minutes*).

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Polglase, Cllr Boreham, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Greenwood.

# 2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Allotment holders were present and participated.

## 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15-06-2021

The minutes were approved.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING

Gate – the Heras fencing has been placed on top of the gate – thanks to the workmen for this.

Lock – this has not worked and Trevor Kestell offered to sort this out and the council will reimburse him for chains/locks when presented with the receipts.

Cost of Heras fencing – a quick costings exercises places Heras fencing at a minimum of £2500 before the cost of installation. There was discussion as to how effective this would be and the cost seems a lot for the amount of produce that is getting stolen. One holder said it is an unfortunate risk you take when you have an allotment. It was agreed that Trevor Kestell will make the fence better secured and the situation will be monitored. Clare will look into a battery operated camera.

Rubbish in car park – an allotment holder had cleared this away.

### 6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Judith Shilling – various items of large rubbish found on her plots and an unsightly compost holder made of asbestos. Other plot holders report similar. It was agreed that all rubbish be brought to the front of the allotments on a given date and a rubbish collection service will be approached for a quote to remove it.



Shell White – asked about strimming the access path to her plot, agreed to ask Kev to do this.

# 7. ALLOTMENTS

Inspection of 8B, 10B and 19A.

19A has relinquished the plot.

10B has requested more time as he has been unwell – it was agreed to make contact again in September to find out his intentions.

8B – discussion ensued from neighbouring plot holders who said that the plot has been strimmed but this has been done annually in previous years with no further efforts made, Cllr Wells felt he had not done enough and should be served notice. The consensus was that the allotment holder had made an effort to tidy the plot as he had been requested to do, however a further letter will be sent out asking him what his plans are for cultivating the site – the council will now have a written record/chronology of concerns raised.

In walking around, it was felt that 16A was unkempt and nearby allotment holders reported they have rarely seen anyone tend to it. A letter will be sent reminding them of the conditions of the agreement.

# Resolution for 18A, 18B and 19B

As 19B is being reallocated the current access that is in place was agreed to be sufficient and allotment holders were satisfied with the arrangements although all would have preferred a bigger sized plot. As there is a waiting list, 19B will be reallocated to someone on the list rather than merged with the other three plots (this had been suggested to help with the access to the inner plots where some of the outer plots have lost a strip of ground).

# 8. URGENT INFORMATION None. The meeting closed at 1915. Signed: Date: