

Romsey Town Council Allotments Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on the **22nd August 2023**, at the Mayors Parlour, Romsey Town Hall, Romsey.

Those present: Mr Mike Nobbs, Mr John Waterman, Mr Roger House, Mrs Eleanor Vamplew, Mr Elvin Mullinger, Ms Clementine Kingstone, Mr Chris Davies.

Apologies: Mrs Lisa Fallowfield, Cllr Colin Burgess.

8.1 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read with the exception that the potential rent demand from Broadlands of £2300 p.a had been reduced to a more manageable increase to £1500 pa from September 24.

Any matters arising will be discussed under various headings.

8.2 Correspondence:

8.2.1 A Romsey resident, Mr Peter Clayton, has requested a plot on the site it was agreed that his name could go on the end of the waiting list.

8.2.2 The committee has been informed that plot 82 is going to give up their plot this year.

8.2.3 EM tabled a set of notes relating to notices and warnings issued to tenants which are appended to rear of these minutes

8.3 Finance: Current assessment of financial situation is appended to rear of these minutes which shows the nett costs at current point as extracted from Test valley accounts.

Sales of a spare water trough and a wheelbarrow which had been in the shed for a while have amounted to an additional income of £100.00

EV confirmed that 'Earmarked reserves' still at £6170.00

No future expenditure is planned at this stage but the committee will continue to bear in mind the condition of the car parks and Distribution Centre.

8.4 Allotments: EM confirmed that at present the waiting list remains at 15, of those requesting plots one person has requested a half-sized plot.

EM tabled list of warning letters and other minor issues relating to plots:

76	Termination notice
16	not to use weedkiller
43	New Tenant Mr Bev Dale
45	Asked his intentions with plot?
56	Brambles blocking pathway
97	Malyn Newitt to cut his trees
100	Given warning last month, now satisfactory
106	Resigning

CD confirmed that a drawing of the proposed Car park surfacing was issued to Howard Brisland on 03 August in order to obtain costing for carrying out the necessary repairs.

RH, MN & CD met on site to discuss the placement of a compost bin onto one of the pathways adjacent to plot 61. It was agreed the compost bin could remain for now, but would need to move back within plot 61 when it degrades. This was followed by a general site inspection where path clearance issues were noted with plots 116, 16,17, 34 & 41.

7.5 Distribution Centre:

The shop is open to tenants when a committee member is present on site.

7.6 Plot Assessments: The third round of plot assessments has taken place; the results can now be compiled.

7.7 Councillor's Report: Nothing to report

7.8 AOB:

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Chris Davies

Committee Secretary

Mike Nobbs

Chairman

Date ... ***21/08/2023***

Next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 03 October 2023, 6:30pm at the court room, Romsey Town Hall., 1 hour before the AGM at 7:30pm.

ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT

Statement of Income and Expenditure

05.04.2023 to 31.07.2023

Income	£	Expenditure	£	Budget £
Earmarked Reserve	6170	Broadland's Rent		1100
Rents	15.00	Southern Water	643.00	750
Distribution Centre		NSALG	55.00	55
Trough	90.00	Card Reader Charges		0
Wheelbarr	10.00	Dist Centre Stock		180
	74.98	Stationery/Post/Misc		0
		Maintnenace/Equip	6.78	150
		Hedge Cutting		220
		Rat Poison/Pest Control		250
		Skip Hire		
		Sundries/Dist Centre	40.00	
Totals	189.98		744.78	2705
Income less Expenditure	-554.80			

NOTES:

There are no outstanding loans for repayment.

Significant high spends (other than Broadland's Rent and Water bills) will continue to be funded by the Earmarked Reserve Account (EAR).

INSPECTION ISSUES

16 Alan Beusmans

Warning letter expiry 28/7/23

He wants to keep the plot. Has dug it and will plant what he can this summer. Latest plot inspection ... advise to severely prune plum tree overshadowing plot.

Otherwise now looking OK

43 Vacated

New tenant Mr Bev Dale 29/07

45 Peter Cooke

Ask intentions. Emailed 01/07/23.

replied 01/07 family issues this year. Planning to work on plot through the summer. Not done

Warning letter 10/08, for review 07/09/23

64 Resigned and vacated

New tenant Sarah Nicholls

76 Nick King

He responded to Mike Nobbs saying he will 'tidy up soon'. I emailed back 28/06/23 thanked him for making a start and gave review date 26/07. Not done any further cultivation since and becoming quite overgrown. **Notice to terminate sent 15/08/2023**

He appeals the notice to terminate however he had two emails about poor state. **New request for a half plot**

97 Malyn Newitt

Being cultivated. Long grass between plots and in fruit cages. Briars over path.

Standard warning letter sent 17/07. He responded dealt with briars and two paths cleared.

Still being cultivated. (overgrown and overhanging apple trees still to deal with). **Otherwise OK**

100 Lukasz Prazuch

Long grass at rear of plot. Emailed 01/07/23

grass dealt with, being cultivated. **Now OK**

106 Isa Jasinska Resigning and **will vacate by 13th Sep**

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104/105 path. Been brush cut (by us?) **Roger Prescott agrees to keep it trimmed.**

I will look out for James Lorimer on 105 to request he helps trim it also.

116/117 path now trimmed. Send email asking path to be maintained between plots and any structure positioned such that it is sited on the plot alone and not covering the path'. (polytunnel 116)

17 Rotavator seen in shed a risk. Not seen them on site since to have a word.

34 Side path obstructed with gate, a tree and flowers. Seems a long term issue. Mike Nobbs offered to discuss with them first.

41 Not being cultivated. **Warning letter 10/08/23 to review 07/09/23**

73 are there issues?

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HALF PLOT REQUESTS

56 Rachel Heslop wants to retain front half by access trackway

80 Carolyn Judd wants to retain rear half by rail track

Responses from email and WhatsApp:

Agreeing for more half plots 3 yes, 2 no,

Wanting to downsize 1 yes, 9 no,

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WAITING LIST

15 waiting
plus 3 on hold due to personal circumstances