

Romsey Town Council Allotments Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on the **08th November 2023**, at the Court Room, Romsey Town Hall, Romsey.

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

Apologies: None.

11.1 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read with the exception that the potential rent demand from Broadlands was £1750 p.a. and not £2300.00 as previously reported.

Any matters arising will be discussed under various headings.

11.2 Correspondence:

11.2.1 Discussions & correspondence has taken place with Plot 17 regarding recent issues of non-cultivation whereupon a termination notice was issued by EM/ Town Hall. It was then discovered that our records were not completely up to date and that warning letters had been sent out to incorrect e-mail and postal addresses.

11.2.2 Apparently, plot 90 has offered his services as a treasurer.

11.2.3 Received and agreed at AGM was an application for polytunnel by plot 75

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

10.2.4 It is understood that there are ongoing discussions at Town Hall with contractors regarding the necessary repairs to the car park areas.

10.2.5 Plot 90 has apparently also erected a polytunnel without requesting to do so.

10.3 Finance: Discussion ensued regarding the Rental increases from Broadlands. It was agreed that Rents would increase to £35.00 per full plot from 1st October 2025 and thereafter by a further £5.00 per year.

10.4 Allotments: EM tabled the plot lettings summary which is appended to rear of these minutes.

10.5 Distribution Centre:

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

10.6 Plot Assessments: The results indicate a clear winner at plot 99 - Andrew Osborne.

7.7 Councillor's Report: Councillor Burgess has requested a 'business Case' be compiled for the construction of the car park, although allocated to CD he believes it is unlikely to be

completed by Christmas 23. CB also requested that the Broadlands Lease agreement be checked to ensure that there is nothing untoward affecting our current use of the site.

7.8 AOB: The issue of theft was discussed and agreed that once we have collected the location and detail of those affected would put together a combined letter to the local police. CD to contact RAHA site for details of their thefts and to see if combined approach with them to Police is appropriate.

Chris Davies

Committee Secretary

Mike Nobbs

Chairman

Date ... ***02/11/2023***

Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17th January 2024, 7:30pm at the Mayors parlour, Romsey Town Hall at 7:30pm.

8 Nov 2023

Allotment Plot lettings update

2022-23 new tenants

- 7 Mr David Reading
- 43 Mr Bev Dale
- 64 Mrs Sarah Nicholls
- 85 Mr Steve French
- 87 Ms Alex Soffe
- 98 Mrs Rachel Glister
- 105 Mr James Lorimer
- 108 Ms Georgina Campbell
- 114 Mrs Paula English

2023-24 new tenants so far

- 6 Miss Katie Prior
- 41 Ms Rachael Sands
- 45 Mr Neil Hardman
- 76 Mrs Theodora Taylor-Franks
- 80a Ms Emily Karpinski
- 91 Mr Chris Judd

Vacancies

- 38 (mid Nov), new tenant will be Mrs Claire Wise
- 106 to be let

Waiting list 4

- One requesting second plot
- 3 holding, depending on personal circumstances (house move etc)
- Two people outside the larger parishes of Romsey applied
 - 6 Springfield, Awbridge (just outside)
 - Chris Barret, North Baddesley (we have no other contact details)

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Appealed termination

Plot No.

- 17 Sent Warning letter then termination letter dated 28/09/23
 - They appealed to Council Chief Officer
 - deferment for decision

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Other notes

Spray weedkiller – warning email to 57 Mr Bryan Perry
11 Mr G DaCosta

Peter Clayton , anyone got contact details?

Romsey Town Council Allotments

*Rcd. from
Elvin 8/11/23*

From: Elvin Mullinger (elvin.mullinger@gmail.com)

To: dacosta@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 16:18 BST

Dear Mr G DaCosta

It appears that you have used spray herbicide on your plot number 11 and this has caused a nuisance to others.

Romsey Town Council Allotment Garden Rule 6xi states that "The spraying of Herbicide weedkillers must be authorized by a committee member prior to use and handled as per the manufacturers' instruction." Even very small amounts of overspray can have a detrimental effect on surrounding crops.

Please could you find an alternative way to deal with weeds that does not risk causing a nuisance to neighbours or otherwise ensure that you gain authorization for use of spray herbicide from a committee member, which is best done in writing.

On behalf of the allotments committee
Elvin Mullinger
[plot lettings secretary]

Fw: Allotments use of weedkiller

From: Elvin Mullinger (elvin.mullinger@ymail.com)

To: brianperry.mowers@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, 20 October 2023 at 14:22 BST

Dear Brian Perry

Apologies, this email does refer to your plot 57.

My mistake

Elvin Mullinger

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Elvin Mullinger <elvin.mullinger@ymail.com>

To: brianperry.mowers@yahoo.com <brianperry.mowers@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, 20 October 2023 at 14:12:29 BST

Subject: Allotments use of weedkiller

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