

## Rotherham Allotments Alliance

# Maintenance Committee Meeting No.3

**On Meeting Date:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Meeting Location:** Online: Zoom

**Meeting Called By:** Brian Steele

**Chair:** Brian Steele

**Secretary:** Jack Taylor (Minutes Donna Bushby)

**Present:** Directors: Brian Steele (BS), Jack Taylor (JT), Mick Hirst (MH) and Allotment Support Assistant – Donna Bushby (DB).

**M015/01/22 (1) Apologies:** Alice Parry

**M016/01/22 (2) Minutes from previous meeting – 22.11.21:**  
Moved as a true record by JT and duly signed by the chairperson.

**M017/01/22 (3) Matters Arising**  
Queen St North – concern about a metal shed being put up on a plot. JT visited the site and said there are metal sheds but the plot was in a very good condition otherwise. DB to send follow up to check if the birds of prey have been removed from the site.

**M018/01/22 (4) Grass Cutting Tender**  
DB is in the process of arranging visits with contractors who are interested in the tender. RMBC have also confirmed they will be tendering.

**M019/01/22 (5) Restorative Justice - Update**  
The shed is now in use and plots have started to be cleared. The non-compostable rubbish / non-burnable rubbish has been put on plot 35. DB requested directors to approve for a skip to be arranged so the plot can be cleared and let. This was approved.

**M019/01/22 (6) Pest Control - update**

- a) DB has been in contact with RMBC who have said they would probably leave to boxes on the sites if the contract finished as it would cost too much to collect them up. It was discussed regarding getting the keys for the boxes from the council. The renewal of the contract will be decided once the training has started.
- b) Training – this has not yet been completed. The invoice has been paid to the training provider so DB will chase up with them for the access to the training.

**M019/01/22 (7) Other Works / special projects**

- a) Moor Rd – gates damaged in a police car chase. DB has arranged for quotes – cheapest is £400 (repair) or £1200 (new gates) plus VAT. Discussed regarding contacting the police /RMBC about recovering the cost. DB had already spoken to the police and was waiting for a call back from them for the crime number.
- b) Burkinshaws / paths – DB has been in contact with Burkinshaws and he advised that they are very busy at the moment so will be in touch when they can do the test patch at South St.

**M020/01/22 (8) Any Other Business**

- a) Greasbrough – DB reported that the wildlife cameras had been spotted on site and a tenant had removed one to stop it being stolen (it was rumoured that a tenant was planning to take it). The other one was found on a plot (looked like it had been discarded). Batteries and memory cards missing for both. Directors discussed regarding putting the cameras back on and the same happening again. Can't keep replacing the batteries / memory cards or the cameras themselves. It was decided not to put them back up and possibly them on another site. DB to inform tenant who has cameras and get them returned.
- b) JT advised that the police were visiting the Wood St site to supply some Smart Water and look at site security. JT reported that the main problem at the site is dog fouling.

- c) High St – residents have requested again to have the trees cut down on the site. Directors discussed this and agreed that because there is no safety issue with the trees, they will not be cut down. DB to advise the tenants.
- d) Kimberworth Park – DB looking into new locks for the containers. Also arranging for a builder to look at the damaged brickwork shed.
- e) Rectory Fields – tenant had some glass go missing on their plot. Also been informed that non-tenants using the site walk their dogs. Discussed getting the site re-keyed. Can either use an set of locks or get a new set. DB to look into the cost. JT and DB also need to do a lock/key audit.
- f) Vicarage Fields – secretary has requested 2 skips for the site due to the health and safety issue of walking down the busy road from the top to the bottom area of the site. Directors agreed that we could offer 2 skips on alternate years. DB to let secretary know.
- g) Avenue Rd – tenant has got a garage with a suspected asbestos roof – DB to arrange for a price to remove it. Also some sheets on Moor Rd that need removing.

**M021/01/22 (9) Agenda Items for next meeting**  
Path Improvement works

**M022/01/22 (10) Date of next meeting**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 2pm.

BS thanked everyone who attended and the meeting was closed at 3.15pm.



Signed ..... (Chair)