

## Rotherham Allotments Alliance

# Board Meeting No.79

**Held:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Meeting Location:** Garden Room, Clifton Park, Online via Zoom  
(Minutes John Palmer)

**Present (in person):** Directors: Brian Steele (BS) Chair, Mick Hirst (MH), Sue Jackson (SJ), John Palmer (JP), Tess Sheen (TS), Cllr Dave Sheppard (DS).

**Present (via Zoom):**

**253/06/23 (1) Apologies:** Mohammed Suleman (MS), Jack Taylor (JT).

**254/06/23 (2) Declaration of Interest**

JP declared an interest as a tenant on Barnsley Rd site.

SJ declared an interest as tenant on Rectory Fields site.

MH & TS declared an interest as a tenants on Avenue Rd site.

**255/06/23 (3) Minutes of previous Board Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

These were moved as a true record by MH and duly signed (electronically) by the Chairperson.

**256/06/23 (4) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**257/06/23 (5) Admin report**

a) TS agreed to update web site home page (if possible).

b) BS advised that Donna would complete new tenancy input for Colony.

c) Prospective tenant for Hartley Lane grazing site. Agreed to obtain full details of the proposal from the prospective tenant. Seek the views of the Hartley Lane society for any comments or observations of possible use of this area for allotment purposes.

**258/06/23 (6) Financial Matters**

a) The Treasurer advised that current bank balances as of the 12/6/23 were – current account £54311.03 - reserve account £24378.22.

b) Treasurer reported that there were difficulties with the following items:-

- Quick books and the bank accounts assimilating.
- Libara mobile phone account.
- Water billing – Orbit – Business Stream.
- Need to recover part cost of extended toilet hire for Rectory Charity use).

Chair agreed to seek Donna's assistance to help resolve.

**259/06/23 (7) Maintenance**

a) St Leonards complaint from resident of St Stephens tree adjacent to property claims danger of falling. Agreed no further action to taken.

b) Site inspections, vacant, overgrown plots on directly managed sites. Chair agreed to organise in the near future.

c) Skip provision: - Board noted the information previously circulated detailing what cannot be placed in skips..

d) Tenant requests for skips at Rectory Fields – agreed to advise that skips had been provided over recent months and advise they should retain waste on their plots until a skip is provided at later date.

e) Rectory Fields – toilet removal.

f) Highfield and Lowfield sites Greasbrough – vacant plots and waiting lists for both sites according to colony.

g) Asbestos removal - Scrooby Street, and other sites to be organised.

- h) Rosehill Plot 25 – issue concerning - cultivation and livestock husbandry. Agreed to notify RSPCA and terminate tenancy with immediate effect.
- i) Vermin control report – previously circulated – MH.
- j) High Street – fire Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June evening – complaint. Whilst permission had been granted failure to notify adjacent residents. Apologies tendered.

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**(8) Transfer and Transitional arrangements RMBC to RAA (including SLA)**

- a) Replacement of ASA. Consideration by the RAA appointments panel (BS; JT; SJ) of the current internal applicant. Agreed to interview ASAP.
- b) No progress to report on the transfer.

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**(9) Society Update**

- a) Broom Valley Old – an appeals panel was agreed to consider tenant related issues – JP/DS/MS (SJ if MS unavailable). JP to progress with tenants and Society.
- b) Clifton – vermin issue on a plot with chickens. Agreed that MH would advise.
- c) Broom Valley Old – lock replacement required.
- d) Broom Valley Old – bee keeping complaint from tenant – society investigating complaint.
- e) Clough Road – adjacent resident - request for overhanging tree branches to be pruned. Agree to seek RMBC approval and advise resident accordingly.
- f) South Street - MH advised that previous meeting had been cancelled and new date had been set for committee meeting, he would attend.

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**(10) Media and Press Policy**

Directors considered a previously circulated revised copy and this was approved.

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**(11) Any Other Business**

- No issues raised.

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**(12) Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Rotherham show – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.

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**(13) Date of Next Meeting**

Board – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 1pm – Clifton Park Garden Room

BS thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 3.30pm.



Signed ..... (Chair)