

THE MARLOW ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee meeting Wednesday 18th June 2020

Present :- Juliette Chanoir (Chair), S. Miller (Secretary), M Talbot (Treasurer),
(Committee Members) D. Bagge, J. Stilliard (Minutes) This meeting was held electronically via Webex.

1. **Apologies for absence:** F. Tillier & P Cooper
2. **Appointment of Minutes Secretary.** -John Stilliard was appointed
3. **Minutes of last Committee Meeting held.** These were approved.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes.** - No matters were raised.
5. **Treasurers report.** – The treasurer’s report had been sent out before the meeting and was accepted.
6. **Vacant Plots.** There are no vacant plots at either FP or HH. The waiting list is now over 20, including some existing tenants at both sites requesting additional plots for their spouse/partner.
7. **Social distancing.** There have been a few problems, but it was agreed that it is working, most tenants are adhering to the guidelines. MT advised that she had an unpleasant experience when she had to remind children to distance and requested if the council could put out another message. It was agreed that this should wait until there are new guidelines.
8. **Website & Facebook.** There is more traffic on the website; wildlife pictures are being added & details of bee swarms. It was suggested that the website could contain interviews with potholders. **Action** JC to email SM with details of what would be required to do this.
9. **AWP.** SM has spoken with MTC and the next AWP meeting will be via Zoom. - Those committee members who can attend should let SM know – MT, JS & JC confirmed they can.
10. **Insurance** - MT has obtained a V. good quote. It now includes Employers Liability Insurance cover which is required for Committee Members and volunteers at events. All present, plus FT via text, agreed that MAA should go ahead with the renewal – Action MT
11. **Events.-** There are plans for the Dahlia talk in August which will be held at FP, pending a relaxing of current rulings, the date is to be confirmed.
12. **Neglected Plots.** FT had reported, via text, that some of the paths at FP were not being kept clear. Some plots at HH are also in state of neglect with excess weeds covering pathways.
13. **Ex-Playground at FP.** There is no news on this currently.
14. **Thefts from HH plots.** There have been 16 instances so far this year and it is thought that this will increase.
15. **AGM** This will be held in November as usual (probably electronically), the Committee Members will be voted in & FT as chair will stand down. A replacement Chair will be needed; everyone was requested to consider stepping up for this. SM requested Committee members to consider possible ways that as many members as possible can be included in this, to be covered in more detail at the next meeting.
16. **AOB**
MT requested for the ‘No Parking’ notice could be put up at HH Prospect Rd Gate. SM to action
MT enquired regarding the Allotments Competition and judging, SM advised that MTC do not plan to run it this year.

Next meeting: Thursday 19th August at FP