MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT MEETING
Held at Exeter Hall on 23 January 2024 @ 10.30 – KPC Offices

Present: Cllr Doug Williamson, Cllr Fiona Mawson, Facilities Manager (FM) & Community/Projects Officer (CPO),
Robin Cowley – Hazel Walk
Margaret Longworth – Hazel Walk
Tim Bond – Hazel Walk
Jim Holland -Station Fields
Alan Womack – Yarnton Road

Apologies: None received from Sandra Greenwood - Blenheim Road

Allotment minutes from previous meeting:
The minutes from October 2023 were reviewed with a request to add an addendum from JH/SF of feedback from plot holders – 7 points raised on water saving initiative soon to be executed; below.

- 2 Gallons Water = 20lbs plus weight of can
- Some allotments approx. 150 ft from proposed water point
- Sludge in bottom of tanks – health risk
- Mosquitos will breed
- Using watering can for a row of veg would compact the soil
- Consultation to all allotment holders
- What works for Blenheim Road would not maybe work on others

Action points will be addressed as part of this meeting.

FM/CPO updated reps on some problem plots still outstanding and those recently vacated for relet in February after the annual rent collection. Subsequent to this meeting and after rent collection a **total of 11 plots** to be relet overall. A councillor tour to take place on Tuesday 7 May 2024.

Water Saving/Consumption:
CPO/FM to consult with plot holders to confirm a date when the trial galvanised water troughs (x2) with lids are to be installed at Blenheim Road. Reps were advised councillors reconfirmed their wish to implement this scheme at the Community meeting held in January 2024.

Reports from Allotment Reps:
Station Field - JH asked for an update on trouble plots. Plot 4 – holder has confirmed more work to be undertaken this year. Plot 24 – check if ill health hindering work. Plot 34 – this has been relinquished and intention to split into halves. Plot 21/22 – holder has confirmed his intention to retain both plots for now. **FM** confirmed removal of debris and hardcore works completed to repair damaged caused by recent clearance works by contactor. The intention is to create an additional plot next to this area. Gate has been repaired successfully.

Hazel Walk - RC reps were updated on the troubled plots. Plot A1 – holder will relinquish early February and plans to clear his prior to vacating. Plot A2 – holder has completed a significant amount of work satisfactorily. Plot A6 – this has been taken back and given to Harvest@Home to maintain moving forward. Plot A7 – is aware this is being monitored. Plot B8 contact has been made but no reply. Contact details are no longer valid. Plot A8 Aware being monitored. Plot A12 Aware work is needed and will be spending more time in the country now.

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Yarnton Road – **AW** no issues reported. He suggested Plot 16 – unworkable area to be turned into a hardstanding/turning point for vehicles.

Blenheim Road – **SG** – nothing reported from rep. CPO was reminded to advise all plot holders prior to water trough being installed. Plot 9b to be relet.

Action: It was suggested by Cllr Mawson and agreed, sunflower seeds be planted throughout all sites on unused patches of ground.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14 May @ 10.30am at Exeter Hall in the small hall.