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Minutes of the meeting of the **Allotments Committee** held at Hellingly Community Hub on **Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 7.00pm**

A.040.09.21 – A.045.09.21

Present: Councillors W Hesselgrave (Chair), G Ibbotson, B Short and D White.

Officers In attendance: Tracy Dean (Deputy Clerk).

Members of the Public in Attendance: 5 members of Union Corner Allotments.

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Harrington-James, G Hesselgrave, P Milne and Mr Tim Knight (Roebuck Park Allotment Supervisor).

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

A.040.09.21 The Allotment Committee Minutes of 31st March 2021 were approved and signed with one amendment, Cllr P Milne had offered apologies.

A.041.09.21 Matters arising - Allotments:

CA.24.03.20 – Fallen tree onto a Bovis home. No Update - The insurance claim is still being processed.

A.042.09.21 The Committee AGREED Allotment Charges for **2023**:
UNION CORNER ALLOTMENTS raised by 5% rounded down on the charge for 2022.
ROEBUCK PARK ALLOTMENTS will be raised by 5% rounded up on the charge for 2021.

A.043.09.21 The Committee AGREED to the proposed Budget for both Allotment sites for 2022-23.

A.044.09.21 Union Corner Allotments:

- Flooded Plots – A letter had been received from a plot holder regarding ongoing flooding problems on their plot and on the track. The Committee AGREED to gain quotes for drainage works to be carried out starting at plot 6-1 draining into the dry ditch at the North side of the gardens.
- Repairs to the gate will be carried out at the beginning of October.
- The Committee AGREED to instal a notice on an unworked plot due to being unable to contact the tenant through details held on record. If no reply had been received by the 16th November, the plot will be re let.

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Signed:
Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave - Chair

Date:

- Report from Allotment Supervisor:

There are currently 36 names on the waiting list. All currently vacant plots are occupied but, letters have had to be sent to several plot holders regarding the state of their plots. As a result of these letters, there is a possibility of up to 3 plots becoming vacant by the end of the month, Tracy is awaiting replies to confirm them as being vacant. It's a shame that the vast majority of plot holders that have struggled this year are the newest tenants and they have had the worst conditions we've ever known to start their allotment journey, which is why some have failed. The weeds have been horrendous, and I don't think anyone has coped very well, and I know from an allotment page I am on, that it has been bad throughout most of the country, with a lot of people being totally disheartened. We can only hope that next year is a better year! I have noticed that at least a couple of taps on the site have started leaking and we have now lost our resident water repair man so these will need to be looked at. The Committee AGREED for the Parish Council's Groundman to fix the leaking taps if possible.

Roebuck Park Allotments:

There were a few incidents of crops being pulled up or taken and children's footprints on freshly dug plots, however, the issue was addressed and no further reports have come forward. The plots are all being worked and a successful first season had been had. A compost area had been made and is being used.

A.045.09.21 Councillors Questions - None

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

**Tracy Dean
Clerk to the Committee**

16th September 2021

Next Meeting Scheduled for 16th March 2022

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**Signed:
Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave - Chair**

Date: