



ANNUAL MEETING OF ALLOTMENT HOLDERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EAST PECKHAM ALLOTMENT PANEL HELD AT THE JUBILEE HALL MEETING ROOM ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7PM.

Minutes

ASSISTANT CLERK – J. PERRETTA

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs T. Fryer, M. Williams, D. Seal, M. Joannes, 15 x residents, & maintenance person M. Perretta.
All present were informed of the resignation of L. Browning from the allotment committee. It was resolved that M. Joannes would join the committee as an allotment holder.
Proposer – T. Fryer
Seconder – M. Joannes
2. **APOLOGIES:** 4 x residents.
3. **APPOINTMENT OF ALLOTMENT HOLDER TO ALLOTMENT PANEL:**
It was resolved that L. Fisher and S. Barth will continue as allotment holder representatives and report any problems to the parish office.
Proposer – M. Joannes
Seconder – T. Fryer
4. **MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 31st March 2023.**
Proposer – M. Joannes
Seconder – L. Fisher

Any Other Business

- **Rents:** It was agreed that allotment fees would continue as is; full plot £40.00 and half a plot £25.00 per year.
- **Vacant plots:** No plots available.
- **Allotment Waiting list:** No waiting list.

- **Water:** Turning on and off water seasonally. It was agreed the water would be turned off on 15.10.23 or next working day and turned back on 15.03.23 by M. Perretta (maintenance). It was agreed by all present that the water troughs would be cleaned out on 14.03.23 by M. Perretta.
- **Maintenance requirements** – It was resolved that D. Seal will repair the strimmer and lawnmower and remove any equipment that is not required.
- It was resolved that M. Perretta would change the current padlock to a larger more secure one.
- It was resolved that the bolt on the Polly tunnel is not practical and needs to be repositioned for easier access. M. Perretta/ M. Williams to look at a solution.
- It was resolved that M. Perretta would repair bent gate hinge.
- **Infestations and solutions.** It was reported by allotment holders the presence of rats. It was resolved by all present that any rubbish on plots must be removed asap and taken off site to allotment holders own bins. This includes any crops that may be infected with blight or any other pests. It was resolved the Parish Clerks/maintenance would monitor this weekly.
- **Asian Hornets** – A short presentation from councillor D. Seal on Asian hornets, the damage they can do to the bee population and what to do if one is spotted. D. Seal has confirmed he will place a hornet trap in the old and new allotments. If a hornet is discovered, the advice given is to contact kent@asianhornetalert.org.uk. The traps will have a what 3 words location to provide the website. Alert posters will be positioned in and around the allotments. It was advised that all allotment holders be aware of Asian hornets and how aggressive they are.
- **Use of Polly tunnel** – It was agreed the Polly tunnel needs to be kept free of any rubbish, empty pots etc to reduce the risk of vermin.
- **Shed** – It was resolved that equipment stored in the shed would be kept labelled with owners details. The shed is to be kept tidy at all times. No rubbish to be stored.
- **Security** – It was resolved that allotment holders are to notify the office as soon as possible should any security issues arise.
- **2 residents raised an issue with stray footballs going into the allotments.** J. Perretta has confirmed she will contact the football teams and ask that they are mindful of this.
- **Terms and conditions** – The clerk to revisit terms.
- **Notice board + excess food cabinet** – It was resolved an additional notice board is required at the shed. Assistant clerk to arrange this.

5. **Close of Meeting:** 8pm

6. Next meeting date – 22nd March 2024 at 7pm.