



## **ANNUAL MEETING OF ALLOTMENT HOLDERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EAST PECKHAM ALLOTMENT PANEL HELD AT THE JUBILEE HALL MEETING ROOM ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7PM.**

**ASSISTANT CLERK – J. PERRETTA**

### **Minutes**

1. **Present: Cllrs T. Fryer, M. Joannes, D. Seal, M. Williams & 5 allotment holders.**
2. **Apologies: 4 allotment holders.**
3. **To appoint an acting Chair and confirm allotment panel:** It was resolved to appoint M. Joannes as chair and the 2 allotment holders currently as panel members will continue.  
Proposer – D. Seal    Seconder – T. Fryer    Show of hands
4. **To approve minutes from meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023:**  
Proposer – M. Joannes    Seconder – T. Fryer    Show of hands

#### **Items to discuss:**

- **Vacant plot** – Half plot 11 will become available from 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was resolved that should no interest be shown for the plot this will be divided into 4-6 mini plots for multi-use. The terms and conditions will remain the same and allotment fee of £25.00 per year to be divided.  
Proposer – M. Joannes    Seconder – T. Fryer    Show of hands
- **Water + Trough upkeep** – As previously agreed the troughs have been deep cleaned by the PC maintenance person. Allotment holders to keep the troughs clean and free of debris this season. It was confirmed that the water supply is on.

- **Maintenance requirements** – It was agreed the PC would add hooks onto the shed walls to raise equipment off the floor and to create more space. D. Seal confirmed the PC owned mower and strimmer have been serviced. Both have been identified with name tags. PC owned equipment is not be removed from the allotment area. The shed is to be kept tidy at all times.
  - **Wild flower bed** – It was resolved to dig up the soil bed and M. Joannes is to scatter with wild seeds. M. Joannes will request seeds and assistance via the allotment watsap group.
  - **Asian Hornets reminder** – D. Seal offered an update on recent reported hornet locations & reiterated the serious nature of their stings. It was resolved that D. Seal will erect some traps and information leaflets within the allotments again this year..
  - **Use of Polly tunnel** – It was resolved that the PC will create a ventilation window at the back of the Polly tunnel to allow air and pollinators to enter. It was resolved that plot holder number 17 will purchase 3-4 fruit trees to plant along the side of the Polly tunnel to create some shade within the tunnel. Other allotment holders can also contribute if they so wish.
  - **Rubbish** – It was resolved that the PC will organise for a refuse bin for holders to dispose of pots/rubbish.
  - **Water Butt** – It was resolved that D. Seal will replace the broken water butt with one that he will donate.
  - **Wormery** – It was resolved that M. Joannes would create a wormery on his own plot and if successful other plot holders may also do this.
  - **Update on works completed** – It was confirmed that the car park gates have been realigned and now close easily. The broken bollards have been replaced. The padlock to the gate has been replaced. The shed has a notice board. The large bolt to the Polly tunnel was removed due to difficulty reaching it.
5. **Allotment holders questions/feedback:** Allotment holders have raised concerns around vermin. It was resolved that the PO will investigate preventative measures that are safe and ethical. It was agreed allotment holders can us a natural mix (recipe by plot holder 17) until a better option is found. It was resolved that the PC would purchase safety goggles and ear defenders for holders to use when strimming.
- 6 **Close of Meeting:** 8pm
- 7 **Next meeting date** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the earlier time of 6.30pm