

WOODCOTE ALLOTMENTS FOR THE LABOURING POOR

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 July 2019

Present: Rick Brightman (Chairman), Linda Booth, Nicky Bridge, David Franklin, Susan Maguire

- 1) Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 May 2019 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 2) Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting (not on agenda elsewhere):
 - a) **Spare produce box:** some rhubarb had been donated for the Saturday coffee shop. SM said it was a pity so much rhubarb was not picked and allowed to go to waste. The box would be returned to the table ready for the usual glut of courgettes and runner beans etc. **RB**
 - b) **Plant & seed swap event:** this went well although with fewer attending. NB was happy that those who tried her pickle liked it. Thanks were given to everyone who donated plants and refreshments. Thought would be given as to the format of this event in future, and whether to just put out spare plants on the table as and when they are available rather than on a particular day.
- 3) **Site Monitoring:** RB and DF carried out a site inspection the previous week. There were 8 plots classed as category Red, of which most were extremely overgrown with seeding weeds. 3 of them had been classed as Red at the time of the previous inspection and no work had been done on them since. RB did not know what action had been taken last time. Since the inspection date one plot had a small amount of work done on it (grass cut). RB will send a report to the Parish Clerk for letters to be sent to tenants. **RB, PC**
- 4) **Site Maintenance: Main gate:** RB had filled the top rail but it started to break up. He has now done a further repair with adhesive and filler which seems to be holding. Further inspection will be needed during the winter. **RB**
Water troughs: Only one is still to be cleaned – near Dave Self's plot. **All**
NB said she would clear off some of the weeds on BW's plot. She would also clear the path between the WCG hazel coppice and the hedge. The WCG should be asked not to leave the debris from the coppicing on the paths. **PC**
Plot markers: NB would make some trial plot markers using polycarbonate sheet, for testing. It was agreed that markers are only needed on plots as they become vacant, to help prospective tenants identify available plots. **NB**
Grass cutting seems to be going well.
- 5) **Any other business:**
- 6) **Next meeting:** 6.00pm on Tuesday 27 August 2019 in the Red Lion.
- 7) The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Signed R Brightman
Chairman

Date 27 August 2019