



**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019, AT 7.00pm, IN THE NEW
SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.**

Present: The Chairman, Councillor MacKeith, Cllrs L Kunzeman, J Bolder, R Mayne, Judith Stephens and The Rev. C. Sugden.

Others Present: C A Ryde (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Hardimann

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. ALLOTMENTS

a) Public meeting

The public meeting was successful and well attended with a very good talk from Carol Kramer. From the meeting a number of plot holders had undertaken a clear up of vacant plot 53. They removed the small amount of asbestos and a large quantity of scrap metal and the plot has now been let.

b) Vacant Plots

The Chairman, reported that there were now as few as 3 vacant plots. Plot holder 65 was still looking for someone to share their plot.

c) Next Inspection

It was confirmed that the next inspection was to take place on 27th /28th April 2019. The Committee AGREED that the three sets of plots would be inspected by members of the committee working in pairs. The Chair undertook to circulate inspection sheets and a reminder to ploholders.

d). Works

The Chair undertook to contact Trevor Neale to get the grass cut inside the hedge by the empty Seacourt Stream plots. It was reported that an electric pump and a hose had been purchased and installed and had been used to fill the tank from the well.

4. NORTH HINKSEY NATURE RESERVE AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

a). ROSPA Safety Report 2018 issues There were outstanding actions reported

b). Ditch at the Minns Business Park End of the Nature Reser

- On the recommendation of the Environment Agency, the ditch had been scraped and cleared sufficient to allow waste water to run away. The chair reported sowing Ragged Robin and Fritillaries and sourcing a supply of King Cups
- A picnic table had been ordered and was to be installed in the Community Orchard.
- The Clerk was asked to investigate placing a litter bin in the Community Orchard
- The Chair reported working in the Memorial Garden clearing Graffiti from the benches. Graham Sillman has been booked to finish the job.
- The Clerk was asked to approach Graham Sillman to see if he could repair the pump handle.
- It was AGREED That Trevor Neale should be tasked with keeping down the undergrowth at the rear of the pond.

c). Update on work carried out by conservation volunteers in Nature Reserve

As the Oxford Conservation Volunteers had done such a good job in the Nature Reserve, it was AGREED to book them to scythe the area in July.

5. ANY OTHER INFORMATION

6. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING 20/10/19