



# North Hinksey Parish Council



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## **MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2020 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** The Chairman, Councillor MacKeith, (Chair) Cllrs, J Bolder, Dowie, Fairclough and Church.

**Others Present:** C A Ryde (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** the minutes of the last (reconvened meeting) were agreed as a true record with amendments as per Councillor Dowie.

**4. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**5. IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS Covid-19**

The Committee noted that The Government had not instructed open spaces such as the Orchard and Nature reserve to close so they had remained open. Councillor Mackeith **PROPOSED**; Councillor Bolder **SECONDED** and Councillors **AGREED** that these areas should remain open until instructed to do otherwise and if so to close them off as simply as possible with suitable signing advising of the need for social distancing.

The Committee discussed an issue relating to the delivery of manure to the allotments and agreed to remind all tenants of the need for social distancing.

**6. ALLOTMENTS**

- a) **RENT MORATORIUM :** The chair reported that this had been positively received by tenants
- b) **HENS** and the 1950 Allotment Act: The Chair informed the meeting that the ACT allowed tenants to keep hens and rabbits on allotments and that the hens that were on plot 103a, had moved to plot 101.
- c) **VACANT PLOTS:** The Chair reported that there were 7 vacant plots and undertook to advertise these in the Sprout and on the NHPC website .The allotments were in good condition overall.
- d) **INSPECTIONS:** Councillor Mackeith **PROPOSED** and Councillor Church **SECONDED** and Councillors **AGREED** inspections at the end of May and September **BY 4 VOTES TO 1**; Councillor Dowie voting against.
- e) **WORKS:** There was no **work** required.

- f) **ANNUAL TENANTS' MEETING:** Councillor Mackeith PROPOSED; Councillor Fairclough SECONDED and Councillors AGREED that the AGM be postponed until the lockdown was lifted and hold a meeting in the autumn if possible.

**7 NATURE RESERVE AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

- a) Laying of orchard hedge : Completed
- b) Memorial Garden, next steps: there was a list of recommended plants awaiting implementation.
- c) Litter bins and picnic tables repair : The clerk agreed to try to obtain support from Biffa again as they did not respond to previous requests

**8 ANY OTHER INFORMATION.**

The Clerk agreed to approach G Sillman to obtain additional keys to the allotments.

**9 DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020