



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 29TH March 2022 at 7.00 pm at Council Chambers,
New Clark House

Present

Shipston Town Council: Councillor Peter Cox (PC) , Helen Morgan (HM) (Town Clerk),
Diane Neath (DN) (Assistant to Clerk)

Allotment Reps: Maurice Trapp (New Street), Tony Cooper(Shoulderway),
Stephen Lockwood (Shoulderway)

Allotment Holders: 19

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Apologies

Anne Wagenhauser (New Street allotment rep).

Welcome and introduction

Councillor Peter Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced those present.

Allotment Presentation at Annual Meeting

Councillor Cox went through Powerpoint presentation on the current allotment situation covering number of plots, waiting list, repairs, competitions, income and expenditure, fees and updates.

Proposed increases in allotment fees from April 2023 to March 2024

New Street

Whole Plot – increase from £47.00 to £50.00
Half Plot – increase from £23.50 to £25.00
Quarter Plot – increase from £12.00 to £12.50

Shoulderway Lane

Whole Plot – increase from £38.00 to £41.00
Half Plot – Increase from £19.00 to £20.50

Allotment holders present agreed that above increases were acceptable for the year 2023-2024.

ACTION - Councillor Cox to take forward as a recommendation from the General Purposes Working Group to full Council for approval.

Variation in cost of plots between New Street and Shoulderway allotments

Following a question from an allotment holder, Councillor Cox agreed to investigate. However, it is likely that it is an historic issue and difficult to ascertain reason why.

ACTION - To be discussed at next Allotment Reps meeting.

Compost Heaps

Problems reported at both New Street and Shoulderway allotments due to unmanageable size of compost heaps and situation made worse with plastic waste etc being added. New Street compost heap currently closed. Also agreed position of compost heap at New Street does not make it easy

to access. Agreed that communal compost areas at both allotment sites be removed and that allotment holders compost on their own individual plots or take away to be disposed of.

ACTION - Councillor Cox to take forward as a recommendation from the General Purposes Working Group to full Council for approval.

Bonfires

Discussion took place on this, particularly in view of the current climate situation. Allotment holders felt that bonfires should be banned at both allotment sites, along with incinerators, on environmental grounds.

ACTION - Councillor Cox to take forward as a recommendation from the General Purposes Working Group to full Council for approval.

Boundaries/hedges

Councillor Cox informed that owner of The Mill has cut back overhanging willow tree branches. He has also requested access to New Street allotments to tidy up his side of the boundary and also offered help to move compost heap. Lawns2Mow, Town Council contractors, will be asked to cut back overhanging hedge belonging to Mrs Burts.

Notice Boards

Councillor Cox informed that these would be installed at both allotment sites, at no cost to allotment holders. Will be weatherproof and lockable. To be available for use by Council staff and allotment holders only. Keys to be kept at New Clark House.

Volunteer

A member of the U3A, present at the meeting, who will be helping to manage a plot at New Street from 1st April 2022, offered to help anyone having difficulty managing their plot due to illness etc.

Shipston Flower and Produce Show

Previously arranged by Councillor Murphy and Mrs F. Ivens with guest judge. Agreed to leave in abeyance for the time being as no one available to organize it.

Moreton Show

Both sites entered each year. Show takes place on first Saturday in September.

Provision of water at New Street

Allotment holder at New Street asked for tap to be reinstated for use, situated between Plots 5 and 6.

ACTION - Clerk to instruct plumber to reconnect.

Water troughs

Noted that more water troughs at New Street would be beneficial.

ACTION - To be discussed at Allotment Reps meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.