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SWINDON VILLAGE ALLOTMENT AGM HELD AT SWINDON VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024 AT 8:00PM

Attendees: Chaz Pearce, Chairman, Lynda Matthews, Mitch and Karen Mitcheson, Brian and Rose D’Gama, Sarah Martin, David Barnard, Pat Greengrow, Gill Bull, John Attwell, Mike Cocker, Suzanne Stephens, Rosemarie Morris, Graham Upton, Jane Bellinger, Jackie Hawkes, Martin Williams, Steve and Patti Scarfe, Mike Hyett, Roger Bargh, Geoff Smithdale and Shaun Cullimore (Clerk to the Council)

Matters arising:

Plot 19B - This plot is currently empty. Chaz asked if members of the allotments would like to keep it as an amenity plot for allotment holders use. The site would be used for our summer BBQ, annual bonfire etc.

- Move the current shed to the back of the plot and repair. This shed would contain various donated tools etc for general use. Chaz also confirmed that he now has a permanent generator.
- The shed would be kept locked using a heavy-duty coded padlock. The code given to the allotment holders.
- Compost bins also to be placed at the back of the plot to help encourage more composting on site.
- Plot be given at no rental cost - Shaun Cullimore (clerk to the council) felt this would not be a problem.
- Chaz would arrange several workshops initially, to help clear and set up the plot.
- Possible use of either membrane or wood chips to keep area clear. Shaun could possibly arrange delivery of wood chips.
- **Members attending the meeting voted in favour.**

Beehives - How many beehives are we allotted on whole of site? It was thought to be three. **Note:** Checking allotment tenancy agreement, it is in fact two. Suzanne will be installing two hives this spring in accordance with the tenancy agreement. There is a request for one more beehive from another allotment holder. Gill has asked Shaun whether this will be possible. Shaun will raise this at the next Parish Council meeting.

No public access notices. Allotment owners only - It was asked, and then agreed, that we put up new **no access** signs on every entry to the

allotments. The notices would also include the postal code of the allotments in the case of an emergency 999 call required. This will be done accordingly.

Cut speed on Stanton Drive – It was requested that allotment holders please slow down on Stanton Drive. It is a busy area, with small children, horse riders, dog walkers, people parking cars and allotment owners going in and out of the gates.

Gate Repairs – A few of the single gates are in a state of disrepair. Action will be taken to repair them in due course.

New Water Tank by plot 2B – Mitch has the possibility of obtaining a water tank that could be erected close to plot 2B. This would considerably help the plot owners with watering in that area. Mitch will get together with Dave Barnard and Chaz to ascertain the position of a tank that will not block the track down to the stables, interfere with Dave's plot and the current water tap.

Guttering requirement – Chaz would like to see more guttering to reserve water on the plots. Most of our rent is to pay for the water services. By cutting down the water bill, this may keep the cost of our allotments down. New erections of sheds and or greenhouses will be required to use guttering. An effort should also be made to do likewise for sheds/greenhouses that are already on site.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.