

**Minutes of the Cley Allotment Meeting  
on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm at the Club Room at Cley Village Hall**

**Attendees** – Cllr Holiday (Chair), Cllr Holman, Cllr R. Williamson, Cllr Allen and Mrs C. Williamson and Parish Clerk Gemma Harrison.

**8 members of the public present.**

**1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence.**

1.1 No apologies received.

**2. Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

- Coastal Resilience Grant - £1840 received and spent on water butts and installation of a new tap.
- Allotment Winter and Summer Socials – lots of people came along and a good time was had by all. A winter social for the allotments was discussed and AGREED that January would be a suitable month. Clerk to liaise with the committee to organize. **GH**

**3. Allotment Finances**

3.1 Income and Expenditure – See Appendix A.

3.2 The Allotment Stall – better communication of what is being raised. Use the allotment WhatsApp group, email and post on the noticeboard, letting people know what the money has been used for to date. **GH**

3.3 Allotment Budget 24/25 – There is a problem with Alexanders along footpaths. It was AGREED to survey the paths and for the clerk to arrange for them to be cleared in the Spring. **GH**

3.4 Sprinklers are not allowed, and hose pipes are not to be left on. Clerk to do a poster for the allotment noticeboard and WhatsApp group. **GH**

3.5 Clerk to make it clear to allotment tenants that the allotment cannot make a profit, all proceeds from the allotment stall must be spent on the allotments. **GH**

**4. Maintenance 2023/24**

4.1 Agree work programme 23/24

- New gate post required- approx. £300 replacement.
- Hedges are due to be cut.
- The new hedge planting needs to be cleared from weeds, Christine to have a walk round to see what if anything else is needed. **GH / CW**
- Metal skip - Small skip for metal disposal. The clerk to ask on email group if there is a support for a metal skip. **GH**
- Clerk to identify large bonfire site for wooden bits. The old, shed site was suggested.
- Contact details and website needs updating on allotment sign, Judith to measure plaque to go over the top of out-of-date information. **JH/GH**

## 5. Kings Seed Catalogue

5.1 Clerk to send link around to Kings Catalogue .GH

## 6. Empty Plots

6.1 Management of empty plots. Clerk to purchase weed control. 3m /x100m - £90 estimated. Weed control. Plots need to be cleared and cover plots. GH

6.2 South gate needs cutting back twice a year. Keep sycamore back.

6.3 Plots not being worked in top right-hand corner of site. Clerk to chase. Need to work quarter of the plot. GH

6.4 Concrete still on allotment site which needs digging up. An allotment working party in the Spring could look at this. Clerk to arrange. GH

## 7. Promotion of empty plots.

7.1 Promote plot 47 and 48 on facebook. Create a poster image and send it to Charlotte Turner for sharing on the Blakeney Page. GH

## 8. Pumpkin Competition

7.1 To reveal the winners of the Pumpkin Competition.

6 entries –

Announcements – 2 joint winners with heaviest pumpkin – 2 stone 3/4 Judith Holman and Billy Dawson.

Carved Pumpkin – Judith's Great Niece – Chocolates – Avalee Holman,

Ugliest Pumpkin – Rob and Ali Gainer.

Fattest Pumpkin - 41-inch circumstance -

7.2 Sunflowers and pumpkins competitions proved popular and there was support to repeat them. It was noted to have a non-alcohol prize as an option.

## 9. AOB

9.1 Everyone was reminded that a bonfire can only take place if a Cllr is on site. It was suggested to advertise everytime there is a bonfire on the WhatsApp Group.

9.2 Clerk to get quote for the asbestos bin to be emptied. GH

**Meeting ended 20.04**

**Next allotment meeting Spring 2024. Date TBA.**

## Appendix A

**PAYMENTS**

## Water Costs Cley Allotment

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Water Payments</b>	<b>Water Receipts</b>
2020/21	£460.17	0
2021/22	£307.95	0
2022/23	£639.51	£315
2023 to date	£145.53	£240

## Allotment Maintenance

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Payments Made</b>
20/21	£790
21/22	£854.49
22/23	£6926.26
2023 to date	£78.48

## Allotment Rent Paid

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Rent Received</b>
20/21	£1140
21/22	£1400
22/23	£1400
2023 to date	£700

**RECEIPTS**

## Allotment Rents Received

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Rent Received</b>
20/21	£1706.45
21/22	£2057.70
22/23	£1983.70
2023 to date	£1484.86

## Allotment Stall Receipts

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Receipts</b>
20/21	£10.00
21/22	£496.30
22/23	£223.10
2023 to date	£140.50

<b>Grant Received</b>	£1,840
<b>Coastal Resilience Grant</b>	
<b>Payments Made</b>	
Allotment Tap	£800
Water Butts	£1,061.64
<b>Total Spent</b>	£1,862
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	minus £22