

## Ramsgreave Parish Council – Community garden and allotment subcommittee meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 7pm - Wilpshire Methodist Church

### Present:

The subcommittee minutes will be divided into three sections:

1. Administration finance and governance
2. Update on tasks completed / ongoing
3. Work planned.

1. Administration finance and governance.		
Task	Update	Action
1.1	<b>Volunteers and Session Dates</b> Update on volunteers, and how Thursday and Sunday sessions are going. Challenging over winter due to weather but continue as planned.	Carry on
1.2	<b>Allotment committee</b> Update: met in January. Agreed plans for next quarter in terms of job needing prioritizing and seeds purchasing.	Next meeting April – will decide Coronation event then
1.3	<b>Grant Money and Donations</b> RHS grant for £2500 was awarded for patio with sail roof. Plan to spend is in place – decisions need making about benches from Ark plastics. Cannot make final decision until patio built as original plan might be too big. Ark will make smaller wheelchair accessible picnic benches on request but prices will vary. Sails and fittings have been purchased. We are sourcing second hand scaffold poles. Concrete, sand and mortar will need to be purchased.	Continue building patio. Assess size of benches and order when confirmed. Order sand and mortar - NW aggregates
1.4	<b>Toilet</b> A bid has been prepared for a composting toilet. If cannot source funds locally (KB is investigating) will go back to Lottery.	Grant application to be written
1.5	<b>RHS Awards</b> Received 2023 form so have entered us for this year.	No action
2. Update on allotment site tasks completed / ongoing		

2.1	<b>Raised beds and veg planning</b> All built, need to purchase bulk bag compost delivery to top up.	Order compost – NW aggregates
2.2	<b>Scrap metal</b> Update on the project - After being promised they'd be in touch in September we've heard nothing.	Will follow up
2.3	<b>Polytunnel</b> We will finish door and install cover later in the spring to avoid the storms. Staging needs buildings for right hand side.	Complete around March
2.4	<b>Ponds</b> Conifers are now cleared. Chipper required to break down foliage. Conifer poles being used to make plant supports. Digger hire will be needed to clear stumps. Ditch pond will need lining and fencing off in time. Need to wait for it to dry out in high summer.	Digger hire probably in the summer.
2.5	<b>Lawn Area</b> Will start to strim in summer. Have donated electric strimmer? Mower still awaiting repair in spring. Tackle borders in May?	Pay lengthsmen to repair lawnmower.
2.6	<b>Compost Bins</b> Adding last bay this quarter.	Build at some point. Not urgent.
<b>3. Allotment site work planned</b>		
<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
3.1	<b>Chipper hire</b> Lots of wood and foliage to chip down. Hire planned for February / March.	Hire chipper within next month. Smiths Hire.
3.2	<b>Build patio.</b> Foundation is underway. Form levelled and built. Now filling it with waste hardcore from the site. Flags will be relaid from the path. Viable ones have been identified and will be marked.	Continue building.
3.3	<b>Accessible Path</b> Have accessible path installed. Final big job after patio has been built. Want contractors to do it due to amount of hardcore	Get quotes after patio finished.

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