

WEAR SIDE-SMALLHOLDERS

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23rd April 2023

ATTENDED BY: Mr I. Hornsey; Mr J. Searle; Mr G. Arnott; Mr P. Larcombe;
Mr P. Hutchinson; Mrs. J. Palmer; Mr J. Smurthwaite; Ms G Clifford.

APOLOGIES:

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved, any matters below. Minutes to be published.
2. Correspondence – None.
3. Finances – Monies as in the bank.

4. Business

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- 4.1 **Entrance maintenance.** Decorative entrance tubs and a nature corridor along with grass cutting are being actively discussed with the Council, news expected at the next meeting. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.
- 4.2 **Banking.** Updating banking details and arrangements – in progress. Investigation continues with the bank regarding previous correspondence. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.
- 4.3 **Shields Road Trees.** Have now been addressed by the Council.
- 4.4 **Water theft.** No further illicit activity reported by everyone should remain vigilant.
- 4.5 **Noticeboards.** Further batch of aluminium signs have arrived and were shared with the Committee for approval before completing the order. The remaining parking notices can be purchased. A date for notice erection will be arranged soon. **(Action: G. Arnott)**
- 4.6 **Water Harvesting/Composting.** Some potential funding projects have been identified but require further investigation and discussion with the organisations involved. Prospective approaches are being made. Ongoing. **(Action: G. Arnott)**
- 4.7 **Bee Hive.** Confirmed with the Council that conditions are satisfied.
- 4.8 **Toilet.** The contracted company has confirmed they will repair this urgently.

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4.9 **Taps.** Three taps are reported as broken, repairs will be conducted urgently and all other taps checked. Water outage on Ritson/Shields Road was due to leak at the water meter and has been repaired. Automatic water recording is now in place, but local weekly monitoring will continue to identify and address irregularities. **(P. Larcombe/J. Smurthwaite)**

4.10 **Fly Tipping.** Two instances of fly tipping in the mid-way car park have taken place. The Committee's wish to build a fence along the back of the car park will be put to the AGM. In the meantime, greater use of the car park (rather than parking on roads etc) will discourage this. **So too will closure of the gates**, which is becoming a serious concern to the Council. The Committee agreed to express thanks to Norman Hunman for dealing with the fly tipping when he noticed it occurring. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

4.11 **Dogs.** Notices have been produced and will soon be erected about dogs being kept on leads on the site. It is also important that 'dog deposits' are also cleared up by owners! Everyone should remain vigilant and challenge offending dog walkers.

4.12 **Volunteers.** Volunteers are sought to compose a small band of people willing to be called upon when some gardeners (because of illness etc.) need limited support to bring their gardens back into order. A small group is also needed to plan and maintain the expected Council provided planters that will be set at the allotment entrance. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact the Secretary. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

Date of Next Meeting: April 21st 2023