

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE FIELDS AND ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE  
OF BUCKLAND BREWER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7:00pm  
IN THE PARISH CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

**Members Present:** Mr Andrew Hewitt, Mr Richard Hooper, Mr Chris Kaminski, Mr Jim Lowe and Mr Trevor Mills,

**Also in attendance:** 10 members of the public

**Parish Clerk:** Mr P Blossie

<b>KEY: Actions are shown in bold</b>	<b>blue type</b>	<b>Decisions are shown in bold red type</b>
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1. **Apologies for Absence** None
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Public Participation** The Chair said that this would be an informal meeting and that anyone could contribute at any time. Chris Kaminski asked whether the Clerk could distribute advice to allotment holders about pest control and any other matters of interest.
4. **Issues arising from the allotment inspection held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022** It was reported that the allotments were looking better than ever with none being overgrown or poorly cared for. Andrew said that the black sheet that had been supplied to Myra Mules was no longer needed by her and could be passed on to someone else or cut into small pieces if anyone needed any. He also has another sheet if one is required. The shed on plot 10 was discussed. It is not sufficiently robust to move to the other end of the allotment. It was agreed that it could stay where it is, but if it is replaced by a new one, it should be located at the Blackhorse Field end of the plot. Richard Hooper had investigated the chickens on plot 15 and was satisfied that the avian flu precautions were being observed. A disinfectant tray is stored inside the chicken coop for use when needed.
5. **Water supply to the allotments** It was agreed that Trevor Mills would organise this. The trench would come along the path between plots 6b and 7a to a tap to be installed near the middle gate. It was agreed that it would not be necessary to house it inside a shed as it would be turned off during the winter.

6. **Maintenance of paths and hedges** These are now looking better than they have done for a long time. There is still some work to be done along the Blackhorse Fields edge that will need specialist equipment, but this will now have to wait until the autumn. Andrew Hewitt reminded the allotment holders that it was their responsibility to trim and maintain the hedges and paths. There are a few trees, mainly dead ashes, that need to be removed. Trevor will arrange for this work to be done at the same time as the water supply.
7. ***Buckland Brewer Allotment Facebook page*** The Clerk pointed out that Kate Hudnott had recently started a Facebook page for the allotments. She is going to change it to a 'group' to make it easier for people to contribute to it.
8. **Community shed** It was agreed that a shed could be erected for sharing seeds, produce etc. The allotment tenants were asked to decide where they wanted it to go and to let the Clerk know. Kate Hudnott is trying to find a free one.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed 7:40 pm**

**Dates of Future Meetings:**

Parish Council, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Speakers: Andrew Heywood, Hicks & Co., and Frank Benbow, 361 Energy and Bratton Fleming Parish Council)

**Signed as a true record:**

**Chairman:** ..... **Date:** .....