

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee Meeting on 28th September 2022

Present: Councillors J Bush, B Wilkinson, R Jeacocke and R Brafield

Also, present Parish Clerk S Diaz and three members of the public.

Allotment holders raised concerns on a water leak and plots that were uncultivated.

- 22-23/OSA09A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors M Simpson and D Johnson sent their apologies.
- 22-23/OSA09B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 22-23/OSA09C To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022.
- 22-23/OSA09D Allotments-Update on Budget v Spend.
Maintenance costs may exceed the budget due to purchasing a shed by the end of the year.
- 22-23/OSA09E To consider the quote to remove the rubbish at the allotments.
It was resolved to approve the quote from J Simpson. The allotment holders responsible for the cost will be invoiced.
- 22-23/OSA09F To consider the yearly Allotment and Water fees.
It was resolved to keep the Allotment and water fees at the same rate.
Funds received for the use of the water by the owner of the properties between the allotments will be kept as a back-up fund for additional water usage during hot weather spells.
- 22-23/OSA09G Allotment matters for information.
There are plots that very little or no work has taken place. The clerk has written to the tenants and will contact others who also have not carried out work as per the agreement. There is a water leak in field one by the water trough. The clerk will arrange for the water to be turned off and the leak repaired once work has finished on the neighbouring properties. The Council did not receive any interest in the option for raised beds at the allotments. However, if any enquiries are received the Council would still

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try to make a provision at the allotments. Additional weed suppressant is required to cover the area by the old compost heap in field one and Jackie Bush may be able to source this. An additional half plot could be added in field one. The allotment notice board is being repaired by plot holders. Brambles will be removed on the hedge by an allotment holder.

- 22-23/OSA09H To consider purchasing bulbs for the Hand for next year and a water butt system for the areas of the parish.
It was resolved to add additional bulbs for the area next to the bus shelter and to get costs for a water butt system at the Clock Tower, Community Club and Cricket Pavilion.
- 22-23/OSA09I Open spaces bus shelters.
Nothing to report.
- 22-23/OSA09J Open spaces-Budget v Spend.
The budget versus spend on open spaces is on track for the year.
- 22-23/OSA09K To consider the Burial Fees.

It was resolved to keep the Burial fees at the same rate.
- 22-23/OSA9L Open spaces-matters for information.
Councillor Brafield asked that North Somerset Council cut the hedges near Touts as signage is obscured.

Next meeting Monday 23rd January 2023

End of minutes