

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee Meeting on 23rd January 2023

Present: J Bush, M Simpson, D Johnson, B Wilkinson and M Baker
Parish Clerk S Diaz and 6 members of the public

Members of the public raised questions regarding water butts and the re-sizing of the allotment plots. Work on the community area has been held up due to ill health but will continue in due course. The box will be moved from the table at the front of the allotment and the tin to pay for produce has been ripped from the bolts.

- 23/OSA1A To receive any apologies of non-attendance
Councillors R Jeacocke and R Brafield did not attend.
- 23/OSA1B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
Councillor Baker declared an interest as a tenant.
- 23/OSA1C To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022.
It was resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022.
- 23/OSA1D Allotments-Update on Budget v Spend.
The allotment budget v spend is on track for the year.
- 23/OSA1E To consider the quote for water butts.
It was resolved to ask permission for a water but at the Reading Rooms and to place one at the Community Club. The clerk will ask Bristol Water if they are able to provide any in the first instance, the second option will be to source then from B & Q.
- 23/OSA1F To consider converting full plots in field one to half plots.
It was resolved to make plots 21 and 22 into half plots as all interested parties on the waiting list require this size. A small quarter plot will be added to the space near the half plots in field one.
- 23/OSA1G Allotment matters for information
Councillor J Bush and the clerk will visit the allotment to agree the location

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for a new 6 x 4 shed to house the mower and strimmer. A bollard/padlock will be added as security to lock the shed. The clerk will send a circular email to advise that a new padlock will be purchased with a change of code, and for tenants to not leave the padlock unlocked with the code visible when opening the gate. All rents will begin in April resulting in 2 months free due to a donation received from a resident, this will bring the rents in to one financial year.

23/OSA1H

Open spaces bus shelters
Nothing to report.

23/OSA1I

Open spaces -Budget v Spend.
The open spaces budget v spend has had unexpected necessary costs during the year resulting in going over budget.

23/OSA1J

Open spaces-matters for information
A tour of the open spaces will look at overgrown hedges in the burial ground and areas near the memorial hall. The clerk will ask the new contractor to quote for the hedge contract when it is due. The memorial hall will include painting the notice board outside their entrance during their planned maintenance. The Reading Room Committee will allow a defibrillator to be placed on the outside of the building, and will cover costs to £20 per year for electricity. The clerk will contact the committee to discuss the details.

Next meeting Monday 5th June 2023

End of minutes