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Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 06th March 2023 on site

Present: Cllrs M. Keating, C. Crosbie, and K. Burghart
5 plot holders

1. Apologises for absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

There were no declarations other than all being plot holders.

3. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September 2022

These were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Chairman's update

There were no matters than those on the agenda.

5. Site inspection and risk assessment

It was decided that a site inspection would be better done later in the season.

The risk assessment was updated.

6. Plot availability

Cllr Keating confirmed that one plot was available.

7. Finance update

Income

Rent	£ 596.25
Precept	£ 500.00

Expenditure

Rent	£ 263.73
Precept	£ 500.00

Reserves	£ 2588.97
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It was agreed to request that the surplus be transferred to the reserve at the next Full Council.

8. Items for discussion

a. Hire of skip

This was agreed for any time after 01st April 2023.

b. Date and support for allotments social

This was set for 16th July at 2pm, with £100.00 taken from the funds.

c. Prizes for best allotment

It was agreed to support this with gardens vouchers amounting to £50.00

d. Wildflower area

Members thought is best to leave it as is for now, but to form a working party to remove the nettles with some minor weeding and pruning and then add more seeds if required.

9. General discussion period

The following was asked and would be looked into:

Dogs on leads to be enforced.

The middle to be fixed.

If the raspberry canes could be cut back.

If the edgings could be maintained better.

That non cultivated plots be administered for the benefit of other plot holder.

It was also asked if the water usage was higher.

The Clerk confirmed the annual bill came in on budget.

It was also suggested that the first aid kit be checked to ensure it was in date.

10. Items and date for next meeting

The next meeting was agreed for 11th September, at 1pm – on site.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1335.

Mike Keating _____ **Chairman**