

WEAR SIDE-SMALLHOLDERS

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 20th August 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs. J. Palmer; Mr P. Hutchinson

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved (minor amendment), any matters below.
Minutes to be published.
2. Correspondence – None.
3. Finances – Monies as in the bank.
4. **Business**
 - 4.1 **Entrance maintenance.** Decorative entrance tubs have been delivered though need levelling before proper use. Planted with some flowering plants in the meantime with the committee's thanks. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.
 - 4.2 **Banking.** Discussion with the bank continue. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.
 - 4.3 **Toilet.** Repair addressed but a new issue has arisen. New repair awaiting a part and will be completed very soon.
 - 4.4 **Water theft.** No further illicit activity reported. Monitoring continuing.
 - 4.5 **Notices/boards.** A date for notice erection and noticeboard repair will be arranged soon. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**
 - 4.6 **Taps.** Peter Larcombe should be first port of call for tap issues and maintenance – this information and mobile number to be added to contact list. **(Action: G.Arnott)**
 - 4.7 . **Unworked gardens.** Following previous round of contact made, the committee agreed that a further round of follow up calls should be made to those involved (where there are no mitigating circumstances) to confirm whether working will resume imminently, or to notify of the start of the eviction process. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**

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4.8 **Gates & Fly Tipping.** Council has been approached to remove the fly tipped waste by the midway car park. **Given the Council's previous demands that gates should be closed according to the Tennant's Agreement (which continues to be abused) it cannot be assumed that it will remove the waste, and the Committee may have to arrange and pay for this.**

Council also to be approached about the possibility of a limited period of Council surveillance of the gates. **Action: I. Hornsey)**

4.9 **Assistance network.** Anyone who is struggling with maintaining their garden, for whatever reason, is encouraged to contact the Secretary (or a Committee member). We will work out a way forward, and if necessary, try to find temporary assistance (e.g. from the volunteer group that has been previously announced). You are encouraged to avoid worry about your plot if you are in difficulty, and speak to the Secretary/Committee immediately.

A number of people have come forward to join the help team.

4.10 **Theft.** No thefts reported.

4.11 **AGM.** Awaiting accountant review of financial statement. Date to be set at next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: tba 2023