

Skipton Middletown Allotment Association Quarterly Meeting – Thursday 3rd April 2025

1) Clarify whether meetings for us and Broughton Road will be joint or not

Clarified at Quarterly meeting on 4/12/24, point 1, *'As previously discussed, it is more beneficial for us to keep association meetings separate as this allows us a more organised approach to focus individually on each association's issues. Individual reports are also collated and published.'*

2) What are the plans for the bays STC have built in the plot near the rec. Could they be used for things like manure, chippings etc.

These are currently being used for compost from around the estate, which is currently processing. The other bay is used for storing soil and trees for the Estate. There is concern that if tenants were given access to these, we wouldn't be able to monitor what is placed in the bays and then the compost may no longer be pure green waste, or we may end up with too much to manage.

When the compost has finished processing, tenants can be given access to the bays for taking this away for use on their plots.

3) What are the plans for levelling and hardcore for the car park area where the tree has been removed. We think this would be our priority for raising funds.

We have recently been allocated £10,000 of S106 funds to improve Middletown Allotments. We can look at quotes for getting this area resurfaced. We plan to build some pallet bays for manure and wood chippings so that tenants can help themselves to this. We can also take down the fence line around the old pony plot to allow for additional parking in this area. There is also some tree maintenance works that need to be conducted. Please inform us of any additional improvement works you think would be beneficial to all tenants at this site.

4) Water butts - could there be a discount for people who install systems to act as an incentive. This could be an alternative approach to sending letters asking people to install them.

Water butts are a tenant requirement which is stipulated within the tenancy agreement for all plots with structures. This has not been monitored very well previously, but letters were sent out to all relevant tenants last year, giving 6 months' notice to install these where required. This will be re-assessed when the next allotment inspections are next conducted, and notifications sent to tenants to comply with their tenancy agreement accordingly.

SMAA asked if we can take this point to PSC to be discussed.

5) Do we know how bad the underground leaks are - could we test this by turning water off at night and checking the meters to see if it's still registering that water is being used.

Leaks would only occur if the water supply were turned on. Are there certain taps, particular areas of concern where surface water is collating?

It was discussed that SMAA think there may be natural water springs at the allotments, and by turning off the water mains we will be able to see where these are. Locations thought to be outside Incredible Edibles plot, and around plots 10 and

88. Until this is investigated, no groundwork will be able to be conducted as we may need to look at building in drainage.

1. Are there any plans for a skip this year?

We could check if we can use S106 funds for this.

Ideally, we would hire 3 skips for glass, plastics and metals over a weekend. SMAA have said they would be happy to assist with the supervision of this to ensure the correct materials are being put into the skips.

2. Vacant plots and any other updates

These are currently changing daily due to being the start of the new tenancy year. There are currently 6 plots vacant.