Statement from Maids Moreton Allotment Association as at 12 April 2021

Tenancies and Waiting Lists

We have 30 full plots and 16 half plots all of which have a tenant. 26 of our tenants live within the Maids Moreton Parish Council Boundary. Whilst the majority of tenants tend to be of an older vintage; we have five tenants who have young families.

We have a waiting list of 11. The longest standing application is 11 months. Of the waiting list only 3 are Maids Moreton residents and they are the most recent additions to the list.

The MMAA constitution and waiting list policy gives priority to Maids Moreton Parish Council Residents. Should a plot become available during the year the Maids Moreton residents will receive first call in order of their receipt of interest and before non-Parish residents on the list.

The charges due for rent are set at the AGM a year in advance i.e. the Feb 21 AGM sets the rent due for Feb 22 for rental of the plot in the subsequent 12 months.

The charges in place for 22/23 are:-

Maids Moreton Parish Council Residents £15 half plot £30 full plot.

All others - £17.50 half plot £35 full plot.

Assets and Facilities

The condition of the plots is considered good. The clubhouse, toilets and storage facilities and their contents owned by the Association are also in good condition and are available for use by all tenants subject of course to COVID restrictions.

The hedge and trees planted by the Association are bedding in well and the resurfaced track offers a much improved means of access.

Two medium Ash trees have been removed - one this year. One had Ash Die Back disease and the other had signs of the disease.

Social and Community Events

We continue to impose COVID controls in compliance with Government Guidelines, mainly access to the Club House and other facilities and we continue to monitor these as the policy is due change over coming months.

The Association supported the St. Edmund’s Church Scarecrow Weekend and then the schools’ Christmas Window Winter Wonderland in December. We have also previously supported the Maids Moreton Primary School PTA Plant Stall and look forward to supporting all these events in the coming year.

COVID continues to affect our social calendar of Bar-B-Ques, Awards and Quizzes but we do have dates planned should we be able to hold them.

Committee meetings continue to be held via Zoom.

Activities for the forthcoming year

Remaining committee meetings 21/22 have been set for:-

Wednesday 28 April

Wednesday 30 June

Wednesday 8 Sept

As stated at our AGM held in February 21 the Committee are reviewing it’s Tenancy Agreement and Constitution to refresh the documents and to record decisions made last year not least the banning the installation of walk in Poly Tunnels and Green Houses.

The agreement by Tenants of the revised Tenants Agreement and Constitution will be sought via Extra-ordinary AGM and subject to vote in accordance with the existing MMAA Constitution.

Drainage is an issue that continues to affect a number of plots. We are planning to use current MMAA funds to extent drainage from the French drain installed on the allotment boundary. This will take the form of installing a perforated drain covered with single, later in the year, to the worst affected plot to assess the impact before considering any further action.

Our AGM is set for the first Sunday in February 22. Parish Council representatives are welcome to attend.

Closing Statement

We are pleased to report that we believe the Maids Moreton Allotment Association continues to offer its tenants an opportunity to benefit from the Small Holding and Allotment Act 1908 and to support and engage in Parish Events particularly for those new to the area.