

Notes of a meeting of Burbage Parish Council (BPC) Allotments Working Party, held 18th January 2022 at Millennium Hall

Present: Cllr Ann Hall, Cllr Mike Hall, Cllr Lucie Hoelmer, Cllr Shirley Iliffe, Cllr Paul Williams,

Item 1: Proposal by Blackways Meadow Allotments Co-operative Ltd (BMAC Ltd) to take on management of the BPC allotment plots at Blackways Meadow

All Members had read and considered the documents circulated with the agenda as supporting information.

After some discussion, the working party made the following recommendation:

Recommended: That the Allotments Working Party invites a representative of BMAC Ltd to attend a meeting of the working party to explore further what BMAC Ltd wishes to achieve for its sites and neighbours as set out in its proposals, and to establish if there are options which could be jointly explored towards achieving these aims while the Parish Council still manages its allotments. These options may include looking at improvements to the wider area, such as the BPC managed Courting Stiles Open Space. The Working Party is minded in the short/medium term not to lease the allotments that the parish owns and manages to BMAC Ltd.

Item 2: Judging of design submissions from Burbage Schools for the Pat Armstrong Allotment Award 2021 winner's plaque

Members agreed on the most outstanding pieces of work to be selected for the sign. The standard of work presented was of high quality and our decision was a difficult one to make!

Item 3: Discussion regarding non-tenanted allotments at Blackways Meadows owned by BPC

It was considered that it would be useful at some stage to establish the nature and location of access agreement for non-tenanted parish allotments in this area.