

**ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF AGM  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 8:00pm**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members**

Gerry Smith (Chairman)  
Chris Demmer  
Lorraine Demmer  
Iain Livingstone  
June Woodward

**Other Interested Parties**

Terry Nelson  
Jon Dowrick  
Stephen Woolverton  
Kathleen Woolverton  
Andrew Sheppard  
Shirley Cook

**1 Welcome**

Gerry welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Ros Dowrick, Tim Pavelin, Steve Jenkins, Carolyn Hulland and Sally Hopkins.

**2 Minutes of last meeting**

Chris nominated and Iain seconded that the minutes of the last AGM held on 23rd February 2014 were an accurate record and they be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

**3 Chairman's Report**

Gerry presented the Chairman's Report (attached). He started by explaining that to mark the passing of Jenny Pell over a hundred daffodil bulbs had been planted around the allotment notice board.

He went on to encourage everybody to attend the committee meetings and thank Andrew & Lukasz for keeping the non cultivated areas tidy. Carolyn Hulland was congratulated for winning the Cecil Vincent plot of the year cup.

**4 Treasurer's Report**

Chris presented the Treasurer's Report (attached). Although we had fewer members in 2014 compared to 2013 (27 v 35) the receipts were slightly higher reflecting the increased subscriptions.

To fund the mains water project we had raised £5,500 (consisting of a £1,500 South Cambs Community Chest grant, £500 from a 2014 rent holiday from our landowner, £1,750 from the Parish Council and £1,750 from the Welcome Trust).

Excluding this money we had a balance of £455.01 at the end of the year.

Chris thanked Terry for auditing the books and Gerry signed the Treasurer's Report as an accurate record.

## **5 Election of Committee Members**

Gerry was proposed as Chairman by Terry and seconded by Chris. Other committee members agreed to stand, as follows –

Chris – Treasurer - proposed by Iain and seconded by Jon

Lorraine – NSALG point of contact and co-ordinator for purchase of seeds - proposed by Gerry and seconded by Iain

Iain – Minute Secretary - proposed by Gerry and seconded by Chris

Ros - First Point of Contact and Plot Allocations - proposed by Gerry seconded by Iain

## **6 Presentation of the Cecil Vincent Best Allotment Cup 2014**

Iain Livingstone, who won the cup in 2013, selected Plot 29 – Carolyn Hlland as the winner for 2014. This was presented to Lorraine who accepted on behalf of Carolyn.

## **7 Other presentations**

As a token of our gratitude to Andrew for keeping the paths mowed and unoccupied plots strimmed, a bottle of Disaronno was accepted on behalf of Andrew by Terry.

Gerry also presented a bottle of wine to Terry, for auditing the accounts, Chris a bottle of wine, Lorraine a box of chocolates and Ros a bunch of flowers.

## **8 Any Other Business**

### **Annual Subscriptions**

These will remain unchanged for 2015.

### **Plot Allocations**

These will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

### **Weed Control**

A big thank you must go to Andrew who has worked extremely hard on our behalf to keep the vacant plots and surroundings tidy.

### **Seed Orders**

Thanks to Lorraine for her continued work placing and receiving seed orders, which make a small amount of money for the association.

### **Mains Water**

Iain presented a brief history of the project:-

Every time a new property is built in a village, the developers have to pay a lump sum to the appropriate Parish Council, to offset the potential increase in local services. This is called Section 106 money. At the beginning of last year we became aware that Ickleton Parish Council had asked for ideas on what to spend surplus Section 106 money they had accumulated after recent developments, so we wrote to them asking if they would fund a mains water supply to the allotments.

They came back to us saying that the strict guidelines they had on how to spend this money, did not allow them to do this. However, they were supportive of the concept and agreed to financially support us from their own funds and also ask Welcome Trust to help, if we raised a significant amount of money ourselves.

This we managed to do, as detailed in the Treasurer's report and this was enough to cover the quotes to lay the pipeline and the cost of Cambridge Water connecting the pipeline to the mains.

So at the end of the year we were able to ask the engineering firm that had supplied the initial quote to start work at their earliest convenience.

**Pedestrian Gate Fence Post**

It was thought necessary to concrete this post due to continual movement in the ground. Gerry agreed to take on this project

**Main Gate Padlock**

It was noted that the padlock was not always being scrambled after locking the gate, possibly the dials were sticking. Iain agreed to oil it as an initial remedy.

Gerry thanked everyone for attending the meeting together with their valuable input.

Next Committee meeting Monday 30th March.