

**Minutes of the Ickleton Allotment Association.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Committee members present:**

Iain Livingstone  
Ros Dowrick  
Chris Demmer  
Lorraine Demmer  
June Woodward

**Others present:**

Tim Pavelin  
Jon Dowrick  
Kathleen and Stephen Woolverton  
Terry Nelson

1. Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015 were agreed and accepted.

2. Plot allocations- whole plots – 5,7,8,18,26,32,34 - half plots – 2b,12b,13a,22b,31a,31b  
Summary: 2 people have given up their allotment and one has been newly allocated.

3. Treasurer's report.

All subscriptions have been received.

14 whole plots at £34

11 half plots at £21

Thanks to Susan and Simon Clew who have generously given a donation of £100 to the Association, following their move away from the village.

Insurance has been paid.

£390 rent due to Lewis Duke.

£6.43 bank interest.

Leaving a Total of £900 in the account.

4. Mains water

Stephen has costed the materials for the extra stand pipe. This will be approx..£200.

Stephen will order the items and has asked for helpers to dig in the pipe, where necessary at allotment gate ways.

5. Spraying and strimming.

Lucasz has taken the pile of weeds away and Iain has dismantled the bin. This will be one less inviting home for the rats. From now on each allotment holder will be responsible for disposal of their own weeds. Lorraine has made laminated signs to put up to remind us all.

6. Advertising of allotments- June will make an A4 poster.

7. Gate lock. The main gate lock is unusable, so, after discussion, it was decided to get a cheaper lock in replacement. If any one gained entry by breaking through the locked gate they would be illegally on the land.

8. Ickleton Open Gardens

Providing there will be a tractor ride to the allotments then the members will ensure that area is tidied and will ask for volunteers to be on hand to chat to visitors.

9. Water butt.

Stephen has cleaned the butt next to the communal shed.

10. Lorraine has found a source of wood chips which are now available for use.

A supply of manure should follow soon.

11. Madingley Mulch

The email will be forwarded to all allotment holders who can take up the offer if they so wish.

12. Bowls mats

It was decided to say No to the kind offer of these old mats.

13. Terry and Tim have repositioned the gate post .

14. Lorraine has made replacement laminated signs for various areas at the allotments.

15. Rats

Iain will contact Lewis Duke again to enquire about their pest controller.

Terry has been given the name of a pest controller-Adam Uzzel from Countrywide Pest Control.

Stephen has had dealings with Step pest control.

The committee have agreed to pursue poisoning of the rats but need to get further quotes.

Kathleen has received legal advice from the NSALG in connection with rat control procedure.

16. Kathleen will contact the NSALG to ask if the Assoc. could become a Charity and what would be involved in the process. This would mean that the Assoc. could claim back any VAT.

17. Correspondence received- NSALG National conference in York. Contact Kathleen Woolverton for further information.

18. Kathleen to produce a list of neighbouring allotment sites who may have long waiting lists, such as Cambridge, who we could contact to let them know we have vacancies.

Date of next meeting; Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the Ickleton Lion.