

**ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday 19th October 2015 8pm**

Attendees

Committee Members

Iain Livingstone (Acting Chairman)
Ros Dowrick
Chris & Lorraine Demmer
June Woodward

Other Interested Parties

Terry Nelson
Jon Dowrick
Stephen & Kathleen Woolverton
Tim Pavelin

Apologies

John & Christina Taylor

ACTIONS

1 Minutes of meetings dated 4th & 31st August 2015

These were taken as an accurate record.

2 Plot Allocations

Plots 25 & 27 have been allocated to new plotholders.

The remaining vacant plots are as follows -
2b, 12b, 13a, 22b, 30b and 31a (half plots)
7, 8, 18, 26, 32, 34 (whole plots).

3 Treasurer's Report

We have completed all the payments for the piped water installation and have £541 in our account.

Chris agreed to set up a direct debit to pay our water bills, which will save £3 a year.

CD

The price for a quarter plot was set at £15/annum .

4 Mains Water

Stephen agreed to lead a sub committee (Iain, Terry, Chris & June) to oversee the extension of piped water within the allotment site. As a first step an additional standpipe will be sited near the upper water harvester in March 2016. To minimise work the connecting pipe would be laid at ground level immediately adjacent to plots 1 - 10 (subject to agreement with Lukasz) except where working gates were in place, when it would be buried for a short stretch. If this subsequently was found to be disruptive the whole pipe would be buried.

SW

5 Spraying/Strimming of Plots

Lukasz strimmed all the vacant plots, immediately prior to our barbeque celebrating National Allotment Week.

It was suggested that covering vacant plots with black plastic might be a cost effective alternative . Chris agreed to find out how much this would cost per plot. **CD**

6 Publicity

Ros has informed Great Chesterford residents we now have piped water.

Ros & June have put an article in the Icene informing the village we now have piped water.

Ros has put an article in the Elmdon magazine informing residents we now have piped water.

Ros & Chris have informed previous ploholders we now have piped water.

June volunteered to design a poster to publicise the attractions of having an allotment. **JW**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Main Gate Lock

A new lock has been purchased and the old one transferred to the standpipe drain off tap cover. It was noted the button was sticking on the new padlock and Iain agreed to oil it. **IL**

Ickleton Open Gardens

This will take place again on June 19th 2016. We have been requested to be involved again.

Rats

Although agreeing rats were a problem on the site, it was difficult to establish a realistic prevention strategy. Terry, Jon & Kathleen agreed to talk to various contacts to see what might be possible .

TN, JD, KW

Water Butts

Kathleen agreed to find out what was considered best practise regarding water butt cleanliness. In the meantime Stephen volunteered to clean the butt attached to the communal shed. **KW, SW**

Communal Shed

Terry volunteered to paint the communal shed. **TN**

Allotment Society

Lorraine agreed to circulate any newsletters she received and also the logon details for enquires.

LD

Seed Catalogues

Lorraine has circulated instructions to all members reference the ordering of seeds from this year's catalogue.

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th December – 8pm – In The Ickleton Lion - All welcome