

**ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday 14th December 2015 8pm**

Attendees

Committee Members

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

Other Interested Parties

Terry & Linda Nelson
Jon Dowrick
Stephen & Kathleen Woolverton
Tim & Lizzie Pavelin
John & Christina Taylor
Mike & Christine Holland
Robert Woodward
Jan Livingstone

Apologies

Sally Hopkins

ACTIONS

1 Minutes of meetings dated 19th October 2015

These were taken as an accurate record.

2 Plot Allocations

The vacant plots are as follows -

2b, 12b, 13a, 22b and 31a (half plots)
7, 8, 18, 26, 30, 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 has set up a direct debit to pay our water bills, which will save £3 a year.

Subscriptions for 2016 will remain at £21 for a half plot and £34 for a full plot.

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 has been made aware that there are weeds for collection.

Chris has established that it would cost approximately £100 per plot to cover with black plastic as an alternative to strimming. This was thought to be prohibitive and we will continue to trim.

6 Publicity

June volunteered to design a poster to publicise the attractions of having an allotment, for displaying in the Spring.

JW

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Main Gate Lock

This has been replaced and the combination changed.

Ickleton Open Gardens

This will take place again on June 19th 2016. We have been requested to be involved again. The biggest issue last time was the lack of visitors to the allotment site and it was agreed to discuss ways to encourage a greater attendance in the new year.

Rats

The advice we have received is that although general site tidiness will help in reducing hiding places the only effective solution would be an annual program of poisoning. Terry and June agreed to find out how much this would cost.

TN, JD

Water Butts

Kathleen received advice from the National Allotment Society explaining that an annual wash and scrub up should be sufficient and that a tight fitting lid helps to keep the water in a good condition. Stephen volunteered to clean the butt attached to the communal shed.

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Communal Shed

The committee thanked Terry for painting the communal shed.

National Allotment Society

Lorraine has circulated the logon details for enquiries.

Seed Catalogues

Lorraine distributed the seeds to members who had ordered from this year's catalogue.

Date of next meeting

AGM Monday 1st February – 8pm – In The Ickleton Lion - All welcome