

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 10th July 2017**

Committee members present:

Iain Livingstone
Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton
Ros Dowrick

Others present

Stephen Woolverton
Jon Dowrick
Ray Szajewski
Terry Nelson

Apologies

June Woodward
Trevor Barwood
John and Christina Taylor
Jakob Sutowski

The meeting started with the now traditional plant/seed/produce swap.

1. Minutes of the meeting – 13th June

Minor amendment – Plot 18 (vacant) has marjoram not mint growing on it.

2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots -5,7,8,18,26,34
Half plots- 2a,2b,13b
Plot 5 is now vacant and plot 13a has now been taken.

3. Treasurer's report

We have £276.45 in our current account at present and 151.21 in our Saver account. Taking account of our pending credits (which include £30 for water butts and £11.10 from the plant swap) and our debits (which include NSALG membership £81 and payment for this year's mowings £70) we have a total of £312.59 remaining in the current and Saver accounts.

4. Mowing/Strimming

No further cuts to be paid for this year.

The next strimming session will be held on Sunday 16th July between 9am and 1pm to complete the remaining vacant plots (26 and 34). Nettles will be removed from around the pedestrian gate area and possibly strimming of bushes inside top path adjacent to road. Plot 18 will be monitored to see how much and how quickly the marjoram spreads. Kathleen will see how difficult it is to remove and also contact the NSALG for advice.

5. Plot Maintenance

One plotholder has been contacted and the problem rectified.

6. Garden Tools/Water Butt

Various items and a water butt have been donated. Please help yourself from the communal shed.

7. Advertising

On hold at the moment.

8. Rats/Rabbits

No issues with rats at present. Rabbits are causing significant problems on some plots which are not being monitored regularly.

9. Water

A reminder please to lock the standpipe after use. This has been left unlocked with the lid open.

10. Plant/Seed Swap

As this was successful we will continue to start the meetings with a plant/seed/produce swap. This time, encouraging donations, to be added to allotment funds.

AOB

11. We have a spare key, available for the next new plotholder(s).

12. On several occasions the main gate has been left open in the evenings. Please could everyone ensure the last person leaving closes and locks the gate. Lorraine will put up a new sign.

13. Ray can get hold of 18 ibc water containers similar to the picture below. If you would be averse to us having these on the site please let Ros know. A couple of plotholders have already expressed an interest. To be discussed at next meeting.



Date of next meeting - Monday 21st August at **7.30pm** in the Ickleton Lion for another plant/produce swap.