

## Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association Monday 10th April 2017

### Committee members present:

Iain Livingstone  
Ros Dowrick  
Chris Demmer  
Lorraine Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton

### Others present

Terry Nelson  
Stephen Woolverton  
Jon Dowrick  
John Taylor  
Trevor Barwood

### Apologies

None

### 1. Minutes of the meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

These were agreed and accepted.

### 2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots -7,8,18,26,32,34

Half plots- 2a,2b,13a,4b

Plot 17 and plot 31a have recently been taken.

Plot 13b is now vacant.

### 3. Treasurer's report

General Account Current balance	£730 (Insurance paid)
Rent	-£440 to be paid
Leaves General account	£290
Savings account	£150
<u>Total remaining</u>	<u>£440</u>

Approximate cost of mowing is £100 per year.

NSALG subscription will be £81 due in June. Legal advice and a quote from the NFU re third party insurance will be sought by Chris. Lorraine and Kathleen will compile a list of advantages to continue with membership for discussion at the next meeting.

### 4. Mowing/Strimming

None required at present. Iain will email ploholders re volunteering for the strimming rota and training session.

## **5. Advertising**

An advert was placed in the April edition of Icenis re vacant plots and in the Walden Local re the annual 'Cecil Vincent' cup competition. Lorraine has produced a notice for insertion outside the village shop. The advert for the Chrishall magazine will be placed in the summer edition. Ros will email a news item for the Elmdon magazine and cancel the monthly advert for the time being.

## **6. Rats**

We will continue to monitor.

## **7. Fundraising**

This is not needed at present.

## **8. Water**

The water at both points is now working. Iain will send out a separate email with regard to this.

## **9. Vacant plots**

Ros suggested these plots would look more appealing if they were to be rotavated before potential ploholders look round. Due to the work involved it was agreed to leave until only those plots were available.

## **10. Emails**

Ros received an email from a ploholder in Whittlesford who is carrying out a survey in Cambs to ascertain which plots allow bees and how they are managed. Further information is awaited.

A further email was received from a gentleman in Ickleton asking for other gardeners in the village to contact him to swap ideas.

## **11. Social evening**

The next meeting will start at 7.30pm with a seed swap/gardening tips social.

## **12. Water butts**

Kathleen noted that there had been a recent advert in the Walden Local for these, but is unsure whether they are still available.

The water butts stacked loosely at the bottom of the field are due to be reassembled by Ray. Iain will check to see which butts are available and we could possibly sell them.

## **13. Fencing**

A large proportion of the fencing which runs adjacent to the road was blown down by the wind and posts broken. A quote and grant would be required for a more substantial fence.

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 8th May at **730pm** in the Ickleton Lion.