

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Committee members present:**

Iain Livingstone  
Chris Demmer  
Lorraine Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton

**Others present**

Stephen Woolverton  
Ray Szajewski  
Terry Nelson

**Apologies**

Ros Dowrick  
Jon Dowrick  
Jakob Sutowski

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

**1. Minutes of the meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May**

These were agreed and accepted.

**2. Plot vacancies**

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

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

No change from last meeting, though we have had an enquiry from a couple who are moving to Ickleton in the second half of June which looks promising.

**3. Treasurer's report**

Chris reported that taking pending debits (padlock key, grass cutting, liability insurance and NSALG membership) into account we have a balance £290.49.

**4. Mowing/Strimming**

Lucasz has mown the lanes between plots and will be asked again when required.

Thanks to those who turned up on Saturday 3rd June (James, Matthew, Stephen, Chris, Iain and Terry) to help make the strimming session a success, 6 of the 8 vacant plots were cleared (plots 26 & 34 still require attention). We will organise another event in a few weeks to keep the weeds in check.

Vacant plots 18 & 8 are almost completely covered in mint, which is a very invasive plant. It was decided to carefully spray these plots with weedkiller to try and eliminate any further spread. This will be done when the leaves have grown back after the recent strimming.

**5. Plot Maintenance**

A small number of plots have received little if any attention this year and have a significant number of weeds. After clearing the vacant plots to avoid the spread of weed seeds it is frustrating when they spread from occupied plots. It was decided to make the relevant plot holders aware of the situation.

## **6. Advertising**

On hold at the moment.

## **7. Rats**

No issues with rats at present.

## **8. Water**

There is a very slight leak from the upper stopcock which Stephen will fix.

When we have the available capital we will extend the water pipe through the centre to the bottom plots. The estimated cost is £120.

In the meantime Ray has erected a water harvester at the bottom of the site which everybody is welcome to use.

## **9. Plant/Seed Swap**

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

## **10. Fencing**

A large proportion of the fencing which runs adjacent to the road has blown down by the wind and the wooden posts have broken. Ray has obtained 12 angle iron posts which we will use to mend the fence in the Autumn when the ground is softer.

**11. Annual Parish Council Meeting** - Thanks to June for presenting the allotment report at the Parish Council Meeting.

**12. Shed** – A member was contacted re a shed which keeps blowing over onto adjacent plot and agreed to remedy the situation

## **AOB**

**13. Main Gate** - Thanks to Stephen for replacing the gate support with a more substantial one.

**14. Canes** - Terry has obtained some canes which he has left next to the communal shed and are free to anybody who needs them.

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 10th July at **7.30pm** in the Ickleton Lion for another plant/seed swap.