

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 18th June 2018**

Committee members present

Ray Szajewski
Chris Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton
Ros Dowrick

Others present

Stephen Woolverton
Terry Nelson

Apologies

Lorraine Demmer	Trevor Barwood
Jon Dowrick	Iain Livingstone
John Taylor	Christina Taylor
Lizzie Molloy	Hugh Molloy

1. Minutes of the meeting – 30th April 2018

These were agreed.

2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots – 25,26,34

Half plots- 1a,2a,2b,4b,12b,13b,31b,29

Ray will collect the last key when he removes the small greenhouse from plot 12b. The previous owner of plot 1a has kindly offered to tidy it.

3. Treasurer's report

Rent of £420 has been paid and we still have funds of £500, with a bill of approximately £100 for insurance to be paid. The predicted surplus at the end of the year could be up to a few hundred pounds, therefore there may be enough for an additional water supply – to be discussed later.

4. Mowing/Strimming

Committee members will report to Chris by the weekend as to whether they think mowing by Lucasz is required yet. His charge is now £30.

5. Advertising

It was agreed to re-write a smaller advert for the Elmdon magazine for the combined months of July and August.

6. Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ickletonallotments/>

Anyone can add messages and photo's as a visitor.

7. Plant/Seed/Produce Swap

This part of the meeting will now start at 1945.

8. Perimeter Fence

Thank you to those who worked so hard on 2nd June. The fence is now complete. Any necessary trees/shrubs will be cleared again at the end of the summer, together with the area of nettles and wood chips.

Due to insurance the brush cutter/strimmer is only available on working party days. Anyone new will be shown how to use the strimmer, taking safety into account and wearing protective equipment.

9. Gate numbers

Please all re-paint/put up new gate numbers if necessary.

10. Parish Council Meeting – 23rd May

Ray presented his report to the meeting which was well received.

11. Deposit of £5 for key

The following was added to the tenancy agreement – “A £5 deposit is requested for the key which should be handed in at the end of tenancy”.

12. Data Protection

An email was sent to all committee members. Agreement to continue receiving information was returned from all but one plotholder. A line was added to the tenancy agreement regarding information held. “Due to changes in the Data Protection Act 2018, by signing the Tenancy Agreement, you agree to the Ickleton Allotment Association holding information on a secure database”.

13. Personal Insurance

Ros will email plotholders for their permission regarding free cover available from NSALG for “Allotmenters Liability Insurance”. This provides protection to member plotholders accused of accidentally causing injury or damaging property. This will require submitting data for those wishing to take up the offer to the NSALG who will forward it to the insurers. The insurers will then confirm to individuals that they are covered.

14. BBQ/Tent Poles

A plotholder asked whether the BBQ/tent poles in the shed belong to the allotment committee. It appears they do not, therefore an email will be sent asking the owner to remove them, or they will be disposed of.

15. Membership of NSALG (National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners)

At present we have 29 plots and 35 members. Therefore, we need to confirm which joint members use the plots, to ensure that £3 is paid for each member, rather than for each plot.

16. Padlock

It has been noted that the padlock is sometimes being locked to the older, larger, combination padlock. For security purposes, please ensure you always secure using the padlock on the chain.

17. Strimming

The owner of plot number 27 would like it to be known that he will strim the adjoining fence down the side of plot number 26.

18. Shed

We have no idea how a full length mirror appeared in the shed, but it will be removed, as we are trying to make space. There is also a plentiful supply of jam jars, so please help yourselves. These will be removed at the end of the season.

19. Dogs

It has been noted that members of the public are walking their dogs on the site. More notices will be erected.

20. Water Supply

Stephen will price up the cost of the third water supply for the bottom of the site.

Date of next meeting – Monday 30th July at 7.45pm
Seed swap followed by meeting