

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 21st August 2017**

Committee members present

Iain Livingstone
Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton
Ros Dowrick

Others present

Stephen Woolverton
Jon Dowrick
Terry Nelson
Lizzie and Hugh Molloy
John Taylor
Tim Pavelin

Apologies

Christina Taylor

1. Minutes of the meeting – 10th July

Were agreed.

2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots -5,7,8,18,26,34

Half plots- 2a,2b,13b

Plot 17 – James is now sharing his plot with a friend but will take full responsibility for it.
One query asking for location and cost of plots for Ickleton residents.

3. Treasurer's report

We are approximately £300 in credit. A direct debit of £5.50 has been paid and a small amount owed to Iain has been paid to him.

4. Mowing/Strimming

There will be one more cut this year.

The next working session will be held on Sunday 3rd September between 1pm and 5pm to strim vacant plots, edges of the site, dismantle the shed on plot 26 and fill the holes where the old water butts for rain catchers have been removed.

Plot 18 – Kathleen did not contact the NSALG because she found sufficient information online. Marjoram self-seeds readily. It was agreed to strim in winter/early spring as suggested.

5. Vacant Plot

Plot 5 which is vacant has been strimmed and has a water butt available. This may be appealing to someone.

7. Advertising

To be discussed in the new year.

8. Rats/Rabbits

No issues with rats at present.

9. Water

Stephen will buy a new handle for the standpipe near the car park and take a meter reading. He will turn off the water at the end of October when the clocks go back.

10. Plant/Seed Swap

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

AOB

11. We have a spare key, available for the next new plot holder(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. Cost of the water containers would be £20 each, contributions to allotment funds. To be discussed at next meeting if Ray is available.



14. Seed Catalogues 2018

These are available in the communal shed. Please help yourself and return your completed form and cheque to Lorraine by the end of October – 8 Southfield, Ickleton.

15. Rainwater catcher

John suggested the holes be filled in where the barrels from the water catcher have been removed near the car park. Holes also need to be filled by the communal shed.

16. Wood Chips

Thank you to Tim's son for the delivery of wood chips.

17. Manure

Kathleen will investigate whether free bagged manure is available from the Milton recycling centre. Terry will enquire whether there is a more local supply.

18. Chairman

At the AGM in February, Iain stated that this would be his last year as chairman. We need to give some thought as to who could replace him in February 2018.

Date of next meeting – Monday 25th September at **7.30pm** in the Ickleton Lion.

PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS NOW CHANGED TO TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER.

