

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Committee members present**

Ray Szajewski  
Chris Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton  
Ros Dowrick  
Lorraine Demmer

**Others present**

Terry Nelson  
Iain Livingstone  
Lizzie Molloy  
Hugh Molloy

**Apologies**

John Taylor  
Christina Taylor  
Stephen Woolverton  
Jon Dowrick  
June Woodward

**1. Minutes of the meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

These were agreed, with one minor amendment. Item 13 could be taken to mean the use of weedkiller is not permitted, even on one's own site. This is not the case.

**2. Plot vacancies**

Whole plots - 25,26,34

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

It was agreed that a couple new to the village take over Plot 14 (Chris and Lorraine) at the beginning of October. A reduced amount of £9 will be paid until January.

**3. Treasurer's report**

We currently have £429, however Lucasz has not asked for his £30 for grass cutting in May. To cover strimming on one's own plot, Chris has taken out personal liability insurance, costing £35. Prices will be looked at again at the end of the year to decide whether to continue next year.

**4. Mowing/Strimming**

It was decided to leave the mowing for now. We may ask Lucasz to tidy up before the end of the year. Ray will be responsible for the strimmer on 7<sup>th</sup> October. The bottom section of the perimeter fence is still to be finished. We may do this before the winter – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, which will be the last working day before spring. It would be helpful to have more volunteers. Ros will email a reminder to all ploholders before 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**5. Advertising**

It was decided not to do any advertising at present.

## **6. Padlock**

Ray has not yet attempted to remove the old combination padlock.

## **7. Shed**

The shed is much tidier now.

## **8. Dogs**

This is an ongoing concern.

## **9. Water Supply**

Stephen has the supply for the bottom of the site in hand for next spring.

## **Any other business**

**10.** We have received an enquiry from a beekeeper interested in putting a hive at the bottom of the field. Chris checked with the NSALG, who were 'all for it', and who produce a leaflet. See <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/allotment-info/hens-bees-and-other-animals-allotment-beekeeping/>

**11.** Free donkey manure has been offered from the field near the Ickleton shop. Please contact Terry – 530852 - if you would like to take a bag and help yourselves. Weekends only.

**12.** Iain has painted numbers on gates of plots 4a and 3a.

**13.** Ray will ask Catherine Cocks, judging the Cecil Vincent cup 2018, whether she has looked at the plots.

**14.** We again debated the possibility of planting an orchard at the bottom of the field. Previously this was discussed with reference to a grant that would have obligated us to allow the whole community to have access to the trees. If we planted them ourselves this would not be the case, but we would have to ensure Lewis was happy with our plans.

**15.** Lorraine gave out the seed catalogues. There is a further supply in the shed. Please return your order to Lorraine by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**16.** There are some grapes on the vine in vacant plot 1a. Please help yourselves.

**17.** Ros will resign from the committee at the AGM. Her various roles could be split to make the work less onerous.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm**