

Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 26th November 2018

Committee members present

Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton
Ros Dowrick

Others present

Matthew Wright
Terry Nelson
Iain Livingstone
John Taylor
June Woodward
Trevor Barwood

Apologies

Ray Szajewski
Lizzie & Hugh Molloy
Christina Taylor
Stephen Woolverton
Jon Dowrick

1. Minutes of the meeting – 24th September 2018

These were agreed.

2. Plot vacancies

Whole plots - 25,26,34
Half plots - 1a,2a,2b,12b,13b,31b,29

3. Treasurer's report

We currently have £430, Lucasz having been paid £30, and various other transactions having taken place. Thank you to all who have bought seeds/plants which has made £12 this year. Insurance of approximately £150 will be paid at the end of December. For 2019 subs will remain at £34 and £21 per whole and half plot, plus £5 per key deposit. An extra £3 will be required for NSALG allotmenters' personal liability insurance for any other person who works on the plot. Chris will email everyone re subs for next year shortly. These should be paid by the AGM.

4. Mowing/Strimming

Following the amazing turn-out on 4th November, a lot of tidying up was completed and coffee and cake enjoyed by all. These dates will re-start in the spring.

5. Advertising

To be discussed next year.

6. Padlock

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

8. Dogs

The site is still being used as a dog walking area.

9. Water Supply

Stephen has the supply for the bottom of the site in hand for next spring. It was agreed to price this up, but not to purchase any items until after subs have been received in January.

10. Bees

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. Manure

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. Cecil Vincent Cup

Ray will ask Catherine Cocks, judging the Cecil Vincent cup 2018, whether she has looked at the plots and chosen a winner.

13. Orchard

There was no further discussion regarding the planting of an orchard in the field.

14. Seed Catalogue Orders

Thank you to Lorraine for dealing with the seed catalogue orders.

15. Vine

The grapes on the vine in vacant plot 1a were very tasty.

16. Ros current committee roles

Could be split when Ros resigns in January

- Point of contact/dealing with emails
- Showing prospective plotholders round and passing on information
- Emailing tenancy agreements/updating database
- Taking minutes and sending out/adding to website
- Printing and putting information on notice board
- Compiling adverts and placing in magazines, etc

Any other business

17. Chris had received an email from Rachel Radford re WWI commemorations on 10th November. Although no one represented the site, some allotmenters did attend.

18. Former plotholders, Susan and Simon Clew, recently featured on 'Pointless'.

19. There has been vandalism in the past couple of days, with gates and sheds left open. These have been closed, however it would be advisable to check your plots.

Date of AGM/next meeting – TBC

