

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Committee members present**

Ray Szajewski  
Chris Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton  
Ros Dowrick

**Others present**

Stephen Woolverton	Hugh Molloy
Terry Nelson	Lizzie Molloy
John Taylor	Iain Livingstone

**Apologies**

Lorraine Demmer	June Woodward
Jon Dowrick	Christina Taylor

**1. Minutes of the meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

These were agreed, apart from a minor amendment. Plot 4b had been omitted from the list of vacant plots.

**2. Plot vacancies**

Whole plots – 8,26,34

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

Of the ploholders who had given up their plots, two had paid £5 for lost keys and two had returned keys. Ray will collect the last key when he removes the small greenhouse from plot 12b.

**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.

**4. Mowing/Strimming**

It was agreed to use Lucasz for simple grass cutting at a cost of £25 when required.

**5. Advertising**

An advert was placed in Icene and Ray placed an advert in the Wenden/Littlebury/Littlebury Green magazine. Ros will re-write the current advert for the Elmdon magazine in time for the next issue.

**6. Facebook**

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

We questioned whether the settings could be changed so that members could add comments and photo's. Following the meeting, Ros checked with Jon. Anyone can add messages and photo's as a visitor.

**7. Rats/Rabbits** Still ongoing. It is the responsibility of individuals to plug holes and put poison down on their own sites, should they wish.

**8. Water**

The water was turned on at the end of March.

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

The stock of seeds from Sagger's Nursery was available in abundance at the last meeting. This part of the meeting will now start at 1945.

### **10. Perimeter Fence**

Thank you to those who helped in March, and to those who tidy up in the meantime. The next date will be Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, any time after 1000, to continue clearing the perimeter fence and other smaller jobs. The brush cutter/trimmer will be available. Anyone new will be shown how to use the trimmer, taking safety into account and wearing protective equipment.

### **11. Competition time**

It was agreed that with the inclement weather, we would add these items to the agenda for next year.

### **12. Gate numbers**

The numbers are looking tatty and are difficult to read. It was agreed in the first instance we all re-do our own. Ros has re-painted the numbers of all vacant plots.

### **13. Parish Council Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Ray will present a report at the meeting.

### **14. Letter of Thanks**

A letter has been sent to Catherine Cocks, who has kindly agreed to judge the 'Cecil Vincent' cup 2018.

### **15. Deposit of £5 for key**

Due to difficulties obtaining keys when ploholders give up their plots, Ros suggested we ask for a deposit of £5 to cover the cost. If the key is returned, and the £5 not requested, adding £5 could be regarded as a donation. This was agreed and will be added to the tenancy agreement.

### **16. Personal Insurance**

Chris will contact everyone regarding cover available free from NSALG for "Allotmenters Liability Insurance" which provides protection to member ploholders accused of accidentally causing injury or damaging property. This will require submitting names and addresses of all members wishing to take up the offer to the NSALG.

Chris will be resigning from his duties as treasurer at the AGM in January 2019.

### **17. Compost Bin**

A compost bin has appeared on Lizzie's plot (13a). It was agreed to put it on plot 5 (new ploholders).

### **18. Data Protection**

Ray and Ros will look into the above, approve it with committee members and email ploholders. Ros will add a line to the tenancy agreement regarding information held.

**Date of next meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45pm**  
**Seed swap followed by meeting**

