

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Committee members present**

Ray Szajewski  
Chris Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton  
Ros Dowrick

**Others present**

Stephen Woolverton	Hugh Molloy
Terry Nelson	Lizzie Molloy
John Taylor	Tim Pavelin
Christina Taylor	Lizzie Driver
Jon Dowrick	June Woodward

**Apologies**

Lorraine Demmer	Sally Hopkins
Iain Livingstone	Ron Hopstock

**1. Minutes of the meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

These were agreed.

**2. Plot vacancies**

Whole plots – 5,8,26, 29, 34

Half plots- 1a, 2a,2b,13b

Two ploholders have given up their plots – 1a and 29.

Five ploholders have still to respond. Chris will email/phone to request that keys be returned.

Ros will email ploholders to see whether they are agreeable to their names and plot numbers being emailed to others.

**3. Treasurer's report**

With subs having been received for 2018, we have enough money for another year.

**4. Mowing/Strimming**

It was agreed we do not need Lucasz at present. We will let ploholders know dates well in advance for 2018 so they can make themselves available. Anyone new will be shown how to use the strimmer, taking safety into account and wearing protective equipment.

**5. Advertising**

The website is at present the main source of information for new ploholders. Ros has updated the website and added some photo's. Andrew Shepperd has removed the original names from the second page of the plot layout. Ros will continue to add minutes to the site.

Ros will place an advert in the next edition of Icene. There is an advert running in the Elmdon magazine. Ray will advertise in the Wenden/Littlebury/Littlebury Green magazine.

## **6. Instagram/Facebook**

As we are unsure whether Trevor will have time to set up Instagram, Jon agreed to set up a Facebook page. Details to follow.

## **7. Rats/Rabbits**

Still ongoing. It is the responsibility of individuals to plug holes and put poison down on their own sites.

## **8. Water**

Stephen will turn this on at the end of the month.

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

The remainder of the stock of seeds from Sagger's Nursery was available in abundance. In future all plants should be priced so we know what we are paying.

## **10. Perimeter Fence**

It was agreed to meet any time after 10am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March to clear the perimeter fence, have a look at what is needed and go from there. The brush cutter/trimmer will be available.

11. Everyone present wanted to send all good wishes to Lorraine.

## **12. Competition time**

Ideas to generate interest were put forward by Jon and Hugh. Spud in a bucket, geranium plug plants, tallest sunflower – pay a nominal fee to enter. More details to follow shortly.

## **13. 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.

## **14. King's Seeds**

Ray had not received onions/shallots and wondered whether anyone else had experienced a problem. No one had and this has now been resolved.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm - Seed swap followed by meeting**