

Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 16th May 2016

Committee members Present:

Iain Livingstone
Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Ros Dowrick

Others present:

Tim Pavelin
Christine Holland
Daniella Easton

Apologies:

June Woodward
Kathleen & Stephen Woolverton

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2016 were agreed and accepted.
2. Plot 31a has been taken by Daniella Easton, to whom we offer a warm welcome.
Plot vacancies: whole plots – 5,7,8,18,26,29,32,34 - half plots – 2b,12b,13a,22b,31b
3. Treasurers report.
£652 currently in the account.
£82 for padlocks and £25 for mowing are outstanding bills.
4. Mains water:
Both standpipes are now operational and will be fitted with padlocks soon.
5. Mowing/Strimming.
Lucasz has recently mowed the paths, where the grass was getting very long in places.
Iain was rebuffed in his attempt to raise money for the repair of an existing strimmer, so will investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant for a new piece of equipment.
6. Advertising of allotments;
Lorraine has agreed to adapt an old poster to put in the village shop noticeboard.
Iain has arranged for our site to be added to the Cambridge Allotments Networks website.
Kathleen has written a new advert to put in the Elmdon magazine, mentioning the Open Gardens.
7. Padlocks
Due to problems with the combination padlocks, we will now try key operated padlocks. A key will be sent to each member which will open the main gate and both stop cocks.
8. Open Gardens. Sunday 19th June.
Tractor ride to allotments confirmed, so the committee will be asking for volunteers to be present, on a rota system, on the day, to promote the allotments. This will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be held the Monday before the Open Day.
10. Ray was the benefactor who repaired the pedestrian gate, for which the committee would like to say thank you very much. He has also asked if he could move the dilapidated water harvester to the bottom of the site which the committee thought was an excellent idea.

11.Rats

We will go ahead with the visit from the DRE pest controller, the only thing to be decided is the best time to arrange it for, to gain the most benefit.

We will respect the wishes of the two ploholders who did not want rat bait placed within their plots.

Date of next meeting; 13th June 2016 at 8pm in the Ickleton Lion