

Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association
Monday 18th April 2016

Committee members Present:

Iain Livingstone
Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Ros Dowrick
June Woodward

Others present:

Jon Dowrick
Terry Nelson
Tim Pavelin
Stephen Woolverton
Kathleen Woolverton

Apologies:

John & Christina Taylor

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016.
Amendment. No.2 should read plot vacancies not allocations.
Minutes agreed and signed with this change.
2. Plot vacancies: whole plots – 5,7,8,18,26,29,32,34 - half plots – 2b,12b,13a,22b,31a,31b
3. Treasurers report.
£800 currently in the account.
Stephen is owed £152.35 for the pipes and accessories required for the second standpipe.
Chris estimates that it will cost the Assoc. approx.. £300 per annum to run the plots.
Leaving £350 in the account.
4. Mains water:
Thanks to all those who helped with the installation of the water pipe for the second standpipe, and especially to Stephen for obtaining the quotes and materials.
Stephen has donated a lock for the second tap, but it will require the purchase of a padlock.-Iain
5. Strimming.
Assoc. has a strimmer which requires repair. Iain has suggested that he applies to SCDC Community Chest for a grant to repair it. Then volunteers would be sought to trim the vacant plots.
6. Advertising of allotments;
Poster still not prepared. Apologies from June
Kathleen has arranged for the allotment vacancies to be advertised on the NSALG website.
NSALG will not provide Kathleen with a list of neighbouring allotment sites, but she has made a list herself using information from the internet and Iain will contact some of them to let them know that there are vacancies in Ickleton
7. New padlock on main gate. Receipt given to Chris.
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
9. Two bottles of wine given to the farmer for transportation of the manure. Cost to be reimbursed to Lorraine.

10. An unknown benefactor has carried out further repair work to the pedestrian gate, for which the committee would like to say thank you very much.

11. Rats

Lewis Duke has sent his pest controller to visit the site and, in summary, he is not keen to take on the job. The committee agreed to fund poisoning of the rats, employing DRE Pest control at a cost of £120+VAT.

An email will be sent to all ploholders to obtain agreement to put poison directly into all visible rat holes on all individual plots as well as communal areas. Include RSVP date, after which any one not replying will be deemed to be accepting of the action.

12. Registering the Assoc, as a Charity.

Kathleen has investigated this and found it to be very complicated with very little advantage, so it was agreed to not pursue this any further.

13. Tim and Lizzie have some spare planters available for anyone to use. They will leave them in the communal shed.

14. Kathleen will write a new advert for the allotments, to put in the Elmdon Magazine.

Date of next meeting; 16th May 2016 at 8pm in the Ickleton Lion