

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association.
Monday 7th November 2016

Committee members present:

Iain Livingstone
Ros Dowrick
Chris Demmer
Lorraine Demmer
Kathleen Woolverton

Others present

Terry Nelson
Stephen Woolverton
Jon Dowrick

Apologies:

None

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th Sep. were agreed and accepted.

2. Plot vacancies:

Whole plots-7,8,18,26,32,34

Half plots- 2b,12b,13a,31a.

No enquiries have been received.

Ian Lester (plot 17) has written to the committee advising them he intends to give up his plot at the end of the year. He has donated his well constructed shed to the Association.

3. Treasurers report:

Total balance=£242

Amounts due before 31st Dec. Insurance £85, Water £20.

This will leave a balance of approx £137 at the end of the year.

Terry agreed to audit the accounts.

4. Mowing/Strimming:

None required until next Spring.

5. Purchase of strimmer:

Chris has bought a Stihl strimmer, safety equipment and fuel with the grant money we received from South Cambs Council. A short trial has proved its worth and it will be kept securely until required next year.

Any persons using the strimmer will need to know that the Association's insurance does not cover personal accident.

6. Advertising:

We will start our main advertising campaign again in the Spring. In the meantime Lorraine & Ros will put something together to distribute at the next Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society meeting.

7. Rats:

Kathleen has contacted NSALG and they hope to have a speaker on rat control at their meeting on 14 January, at the Cambridge YMCA in Gonville Place .

Although some rat activity has been noticed, so far there has been no sign of the severe attack experienced last year. We will continue to monitor the situation.

8 .Fundraiser:

This will be reconsidered in the new year when the subscriptions have been collected and our financial position will be clearer.

9. The Allotment Magazine:

Members are reminded that they can see the magazine online. We only get 2 copies of the magazine which will be left in the communal shed. Any one can borrow them but please return as soon as you have finished with them.

10. King's seed catalogues:

These are available in the shed, but orders must be returned to Lorraine by Sunday 13th November.

11. Water:

The water supply has been shut down to prevent frost damage. In future, to make it easier to remember, it will be turned on when the clocks go forward in the Spring and turned off when they go back in the autumn.

Note, there is a 40 litre water container in the shed if any one would like it.

12. Committee

June Woodward has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Date of next meeting: AGM Monday 6th Feb. 2017 at 8pm in the Ickleton Lion.