

MINUTE 13T

A meeting of the Allotment Management Committee was held on the 27th day of APRIL 2015 at the Methodist Chapel, commencing 7.00pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey (Chair), Mrs Bane, Mrs Batten, Mr Cock and Mr Cooper. Also present 7 tenants.

APOLOGIES - No apologies.

MINUTES of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed & duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Vermin Control – There are traces of rats, Clerk to speak to vermin control. Mr Storey asked tenants to keep an eye out for presence of foxes. If any are sighted, please contact Clerk who will speak to vermin control.
2. Allotment 0 – To be left as hard-standing track so that vehicles could park here and not on allotments. Mr Storey asked if tenants were happy with this, and all tenants present were.
3. Dogs on Allotments – More notices are needed to make people aware that dogs are not allowed on the allotments. It was agreed that more noticeboards are needed so that the signs can be displayed around the allotments. Mr Storey to put up boards, Clerk to produce and put up notices.
4. Application Enquiry – A gentleman from Weeting had enquired if he could acquire an allotment. The rules state that allotments can be let within a 4-6 mile radius of the village but Clerk to find out if this radius is from the village boundary or from the allotments. It was stated that residents who live in the parish would be given priority.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. Knotweed – It was reported that knotweeds have grown again in the same place as last year and also further down Munson's Lane. A tenant advised a new treatment of injecting the stem. Clerk to contact contractor.
6. Allotment 4 – It was reported that this vacant allotment is in a mess and needs to be rotovated and sprayed. Mark Lilley offered to do this. There are also various items that need to be disposed of.
7. Allotment Husbandry – A tenant asked what the procedure is regarding tenants who do not attend their allotments satisfactorily. Mr Storey stated that in the first instance, a letter is sent to the tenant. If nothing is done, a further letter will be sent. If still nothing is done then their tenancy agreement will be considered. Four allotments were brought to the Committee's attention as being in need of a clear up, Clerk to write to tenants. It was asked if "walkabouts" should be more frequent but Mr Storey said that the Committee do come up individually at odd times and take note of anything that needs to be sorted out.

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8. Entrance to Allotments – Mr Cole asked if the grass here could be flailed off on each side as it was difficult for people to see when pulling out. Mr Storey said this is done 1-2 times a year but he and Mr Cock would sort this and asked to be informed when this needs doing again. Mr Cole also said that the entrance to the allotments is getting rough and asked if this could be scraped back so that it's flat again, maybe onto Allotment 0. Mr Storey said the Committee would look at this when they carried out their next walkabout.

9. Track – It was asked if this could be sprayed and weeded. Mr Storey asked the tenants if there were happy for Paul Cole to do this and they all agreed.

10. Collared Doves – Mr Rolph asked if it was possible to cage collared doves and put a fox cage in with the chickens. Mr Storey stated that as this is public land, care must be taken. Mr Cock suggested putting the cages on his land and this would be a separate agreement between Mr Cock and Mr Rolph.

Meeting declared closed 7.40 pm
