

MINUTE 15T

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

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey (Chair), Mrs Bane, Mr Cock and Mr Cooper. Also present 4 tenants.

APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Mrs Batten.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1. **Vermin Control** – No recent problems with rats although there had been quite a bit of mess earlier in the year probably due to rats breeding in milder weather. It was generally felt that there hadn't been as many sightings this year. Concern was expressed that the current contractor was not fulfilling his contract satisfactory. Clerk to write to contractor. If the situation does not improve, Mr Storey said the contract would be terminated and put out to tender.
2. **Allotment 0** – All tenants present are happy with this to be left as lots of vehicles use it, especially during the summer. It was felt it was in need of a cut, possibly to do this 3/4 times a year.
3. **Dogs on Allotments** – Mr Cock said he would erect some boards so that signs can be displayed.
4. **Knotweed** – Mr Storey informed the tenants that the Parish Council felt they were paying a considerable amount for the present contractor to deal with this problem so had decided to terminate the contract and Mr Cock had offered to spray the knotweed as and when required. Mr Cock asked the residents to let him know if they spotted any.
5. **Allotment Husbandry** – A walkabout was carried out in June by the Allotment Management Committee and letters were issued and some individuals were visited. As a result, two further allotments are now available.
6. **Entrance to Allotments** – It was felt that this is still in a bad state and currently poses a safety issue as it requires widening and leveling. Mr Storey stated that as this is on the highway, the Norfolk County Council own a piece of it and to interfere with their ground is awkward. Mr Storey to speak with Highways.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. Currently plots 1, 4 and 8 are empty and plots 5A and 19 are not in a good condition. The tenants of 5A and 19 decided they did not want to continue with their contract but have not yet cleared the site. Mr Storey said this will be dealt with by the Allotment Management Committee.
8. Discussion took place about the amount of empty plots and it was suggested that the plots could be too big for people to cope with. Perhaps half a plot could be offered to try and encourage people to rent them although it was suggested that access might be an issue.

Meeting declared closed 8.00 pm
