

MINUTE 18T

A meeting of the Allotment Management Committee was held on the 21st day of NOVEMBER 2016 at the Methodist Chapel, commencing 7.00 pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey (Chair), Mrs Bane, Mr Cock and Mr Cooper. Also present 7 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 – All tenants present felt this situation was under control.
2. Dogs on Allotments – Mr Studd said this was still an issue even though the signs have been erected.
3. Knotweed – Mr Cock said that he had sprayed the knotweed twice and that he believed Mr Cole was also treating it. He felt that this was not a significant problem and will monitor throughout the Summer. Mr Storey thanked Mr Cock for his assistance with this.
4. Allotment Husbandry – Mr Cock had supplied Mr Rolph with some weedkiller which he had sprayed on the vacant allotments.
5. Entrance to Allotments – Mr Storey said that Highways are reluctant to do anything about this and asked the tenants if this was still a problem. The tenants felt it was satisfactory at present and Mr Storey said he would keep an eye on it.
6. Earlier in the year, Mr Rolph cleared Plots 5A and 8, belonging to Mrs Challis and Miss Enefer. The Handyman also cleared debris and rubble from Plot 5A for which a skip had to be hired. A letter was sent to Mrs Challis asking for a donation towards the cost of the Handyman and skip but nothing was forthcoming. The Handyman has just cleared a further two allotments, Plots 6A and 7, belonging to Mrs Lucas and Mr Shafto and another skip has been hired. The Parish Council has absorbed this cost and again letters will be sent out asking for a donation towards it. It was debated whether to have a clause in the Tenancy Agreement relating to costs incurred or to request a deposit but Mr Cock felt that these were isolated incidents. Mrs Bane informed the tenants that at the last Allotment Committee Meeting it was agreed that each Committee member would carry out a monthly inspection from March through to September so that any further incidents could be dealt with before getting out of hand and hopefully avoid any costs being incurred.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. Scrap – Mr Studd said he had a pile of scrap on his allotment and said that if any of the other tenants wished to add more to it they were more than welcome. He will arrange for this to be taken away and any proceeds will be donated to the Parish Council. Mr Storey thanked Mr Studd for this.
8. Vacant Allotments – Clerk reported that there are now only two vacancies; Plots 6A and 7. Plots 5A and 8 have been divided into half plots and rented out.

Meeting declared closed 7.25 pm
