

MINUTE 22T

A meeting of the Allotment Management Committee and the Garden Allotment Tenants was held on the 23rd day of APRIL 2018 at the Methodist Chapel, commencing 7.00 pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey, Mrs Bane, Mrs Batten, Mr Cock and Mr Cooper. Also present 16 tenants.

APOLOGIES - None received.

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 and Mr Harris said that this was the first year he hadn't seen any vermin. Mr Storey thanked Mr Rolph for doing an excellent job.
2. **Dogs on Allotments** – Mr Storey said that only dogs belonging to tenants were permitted at the allotments and these must be kept on a lead. If any other dogs are seen at the allotments, they should be reported to the Clerk.
3. **Knotweed** – Mr Cock said this was slowly coming up but was not through enough to spray. He will continue to monitor this. Mr Cole said that he had seen vehicles driving over the knotweed through the gap in the hedge and said he was concerned that it could be transferred on the wheels of the vehicle. Mr Storey asked all tenants not to drive through here and said perhaps some iron stakes could be put there to stop this. Allotment Committee will look into this.
4. **Allotment Husbandry** – Mr Storey will speak with the Headteacher at the primary school to offer an allotment on the grassed area to the left of the entrance as you pull in from Hythe Road.
5. **Entrance to Allotments** – Mr Stickley had kindly put some hoggin down at the entrance and although this had worked quite well, Mr Storey said the Parish Council had agreed to pay for screeding of the allotment entrance at the meeting on 11th December 2017. Clerk to obtain price and advise at next Parish Council meeting.
6. **Vacant Allotments** – Clerk reported two half plots are available at present. Mr Storey asked the tenants to advise the Clerk if they knew of anyone interested in these.
7. **Walkabouts** – A Committee member carries out a monthly allotment inspection from March to August. The annual inspection is carried out in June by all Committee members. The Clerk will advise tenants of the details when they are confirmed. Mr Studd suggested that the tenants have a spokesperson to communicate regularly with the Committee about issues as they arise. Mr Storey said that all of the tenants should have a discussion about this and inform the Committee of their decision.
8. **New Tenancy Agreement** – Mr Storey said two copies of the new agreement would be sent to each tenant by the end of May 2018. If the tenant is satisfied with the terms and conditions, he/she should sign both contracts and bring them to Rent Night in October 2018 where the Clerk will sign both copies, give one copy to the tenant and keep the other on file. If the tenant is not happy with the terms and conditions, he/she must contact Mr Storey direct to discuss this at least two weeks prior to Rent Night.

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MATTERS ARISING CONT.

9. Maize – Mr Storey said he had put the farm tenant's request to grow maize on the farm allotments to the Parish Council at their meeting on 11th December 2017 where it was decided that this should not be permitted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. Pigs – Mr Stickley asked if he would be permitted to keep pigs on his allotment. Mr Storey said that only livestock stated in the new tenancy agreement is permitted therefore pigs are not.

11. Break-ins – Mr Storey said it had been brought to his attention that there had been several break-ins at the allotments and suggested that tenants do not keep valuables there. Mrs Garland said she had been informed by a Police Officer that each break-in should be reported to the Police.

12. Debris – Mrs Morris said that some debris had been left on her allotment. Clerk to make enquiries and arrange for this to be removed.

13. 'Feltwell Sings!' – Mr Stickley advised the meeting that a singing session is taking place at the St Mary's Church with a professional music director on 23rd June 2018 and all villagers are invited.

Meeting declared closed 7.33 pm
