

MINUTE 24T

A meeting of the Allotment Management Committee and the Garden Allotment Tenants was held on the 19th day of NOVEMBER 2018 at the Methodist Chapel, commencing 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT - Mr Storey, Mrs Bane, Mr Cock, Mr Cooper and Mr Rayner.
Also present 8 tenants.

APOLOGIES – Mrs Garland and Mrs Scarff.

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 Cole said he had seen dog walkers walking through the allotments. Mr Storey asked all tenants to report dog walkers to the Clerk if they were known to them.
3. Knotweed – Mr Cock said he had been treating this through the summer, it is reasonably under control and he will continue to monitor.
4. Allotment Husbandry – Mr Storey still has to arrange meeting with the Headteacher at the primary school to offer an allotment on the grassed area to the left of the entrance.
5. Entrance to Allotments – Mr Storey said the Clerk had obtained a quotation from a local contractor of £200 to screed the entrance but the Parish Council felt the problem was not significant enough at present to justify spending this amount of money.
6. Vacant Allotments – Clerk reported one full plot and two half plots are available at present.
7. Walkabouts – Mr Storey said the monthly walkabouts from March to August are working well and will continue. Any issues arising from the inspections are reported at the following Parish Council meeting. The tenants had not discussed having a spokesman but Mr Storey said that if they feel it is a necessity, to let the Committee know.
8. New Tenancy Agreement – Clerk said all rents had been paid and tenancy agreements signed.
9. Break-ins – Email received from Mrs Garland suggesting that an audit is carried out to determine how many break-ins have occurred. Mr Storey said the best thing to do was not keep valuable items at the allotments. Mr Cole said he had had a break in but as there was no evidence, the Police don't have the resources to worry about these issues. Mr Rayner advised there is a Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting on 26th November where tenants could raise their concerns. Clerk will seek advice from Allotment Associations re this matter.
10. Debris – Mr Cock has removed the debris from Mrs Morris's allotment.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. Allotment Size – Mr Storey said that he was concerned the allotments are too big for people to manage and asked the tenants attending for their opinion. Mrs Denby said she would be relinquishing half of hers in due course for this reason. Another tenant said this had been a particularly difficult year and therefore was perhaps not a good year to judge this on because although the allotments are not always tidy, the tenants do put the effort in. Mr Storey said the Allotment Committee would be keeping an eye on this.

12. Trespassers – Mr Cole said that on Saturday 20th October during the afternoon, he had seen a group of people walking over the allotments. When asked, they said they were looking for plant samples and had had permission from Glebe Farm. Mr Cock said he had not given anyone permission and would investigate this.

Meeting declared closed 8.05 pm
