

Minutes 3rd November 2013

Apologies: Daniel Barrington (DB)
John Morris
Terry & Eddie Wilson.
Present: Joe Roper (JR)
Colin Langeveld (CL)
John Byrne (JB)
Ken Hines (KH)
Joan Langeveld (JL)

In the absence of DB - JR chaired the meeting, JL wrote minutes

Minutes of last committee meeting - Agreed as a true record

Matters arising from the minutes – Water pipes and Pathways (*see Matters Arising from AGM*).

Matters arising from the AGM

- Water pipes/taps: After some discussion it was agreed that much preparation work must be done first.
- A full survey and costings is required together with volunteers to do the work. EW has the expertise and some equipment so it would be beneficial if he formed part of the survey team. In the meantime it was suggested that the next Newsletter could include request for volunteers to form a 'Working Party'. (*This item to be on Agenda for next committee meeting*).
- Pathways: All agreed this is a Health & Safety issue (*for inclusion in the next Newsletter*).
- Toilet: To be monitored for any further leakages. Arrangements made for monthly emptying. Contribution towards the cost from Lime Hub Group.
- Skip: This had been provided soon after AGM. Note: Some people were seen bringing carpets in and placing in skip. *Can there be reference in Newsletter asking people not to do this?* DB.
- Overhanging tree branches: CL will contact Alan Morrow for advice/assistance regarding area adjacent to Plots 63 and 61.
- Numbers to be displayed on plots: It was agreed this would be useful, particularly identifying ½ plots. JR advised we have some numbers in stores which we will check and distribute, and we would arrange to purchase numbers which we do not hold. (*to be checked before next committee meeting*).
- Dense green netting to be held in stores: JR will source and order 'scaffold netting', which can be cut and sold by the yard.

Correspondence - none

Membership report – Distributed and discussed

Treasurers report – Distributed and discussed

2014 rent collection – There will be 2 occasions to pay rents:

- Saturday 1st Feb 1130-1pm DB & JL
- Sunday 2nd Feb 1130-1pm JB & KH

JR will collect the money at 1pm on both dates. CL will forward Members Contact Details to DB & JR for Rent Collection List.

Any other business

- Seed Potatoes - Varieties were discussed and agreed with George. JR will place orders.
- Receipt book for Rents - JL will check in office, and if insufficient she will contact AM for another book.
- Plots on which there is no activity - KH suggested, that, at the time of collecting rents, we might ask some tenants if they have any problems in working their plots. This could be done face-to-face in a friendly, concerned manner (no 'finger wagging'!), it may perhaps highlight some difficulties and alleviate the need for letters. KH, and other members, knew of some plots where this may action may be appropriate. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that a list could be compiled prior to rent collection. As no meeting or formal plot inspection is scheduled before 1st February, any committee member who recognises a 'problem' plot and thinks this approach may be useful, can forward details to JL, who has agreed to compile list which will be kept with Rent Information.
- On 24th October CL & JL had attended the ALA AGM, together with Tommy Hall who was awarded an inscribed Plate for the second best plot in Liverpool, he also received cheque for £30. Many congratulations to Tommy – photo was taken.

Date and time of next meeting – Sunday 9th February 2014 11am

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 12noon