

Ashfield Allotment Association

Treasurer **Joe Roper**

President **Eric Shaw**

Chairman **Daniel Barrington**

Minutes of Committee meeting

Sunday 13th September 2015. Present: Colin Langeveld, Ken Hines, Terry Wilson, Eddie Wilson, Marilyn Gray.
Minutes writer - Joan Langeveld, co-opted to committee.

1. APOLOGIES - Daniel Barrington, Joe Roper, Neill Davies, John Byrne, John Morris.

2. MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING - Agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING – None

4. CORRESPONDENCE -

(a)

(b)

(c) LETTER from person requesting a plot. Colin to action.

(Note: - later Colin emailed the person to confirm they have been added to waiting list)

(d) LETTER had been handed to a plot holder, from resident, regarding "..terrible problem with rampant weeds.....fast-growing ivy - type weed taking a strong hold on the fence (which borders the plot)..". Request for the weeds and undergrowth to be cleared on our site where it borders their fence. The letter also refers to other nearby residents having similar problems.

(Note:- after the meeting Ken and Eddie spoke to this resident who again asked for weeds to be kept down, and clear of rubbish).

(e) LETTER from Cllr Nick Crofts, (copied to Alan Morrow), on behalf of resident Newenham Crescent regarding damage to her fence because of weeds growing from our site. Requests that our site arrange for "... Weeds/overgrowth be cut back...."

Note:- Residents at the back of plots 47/54/55 seem to have the main problems.

Committee to inspect/assess:-

(i)If knotweed is present - notify Alan M -

(ii)If other weeds/shrubs are overgrown - Can plot holder clear, or is 'working party' required.

(iii) If a skip is required to remove rubbish.

(Later - FURTHER NOTE:- Joan spoke to Alan M. He said if we arrange a 'working party' to clear weeds/rubbish from that area, he will pay for the skip.)

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Colin had sent all members a copy of the report.

One amendment. Delete reference to P66A, insert P66B.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Joe was not present. No report.

7. UPDATE ON WORKS FOR STANDPIPES AND TAPS/ BARBED WIRE -

Still awaiting report from Treasurer.

8. PLOT INSPECTIONS - Ken gave copy of report to all members. The content was discussed and Ken was thanked by everyone for his work in representing the committee.

With thanks also to John B and Marilyn for their support.

9. FLOWER SHOW - Daniel had sent the Newsletter out to everyone, shortly after the Flower Show. "Another very successful Flower and Vegetable Show".

Daniel had also provided committee members with details of entries and suggested we may make some changes to some of the classes next year.

Everyone agreed it was a very successful day.

Points raised at this meeting:

(a) Suggest more help for Joe at the BBQ.

- (b) Suggest the urn to heat the water should be put on earlier.
- (c) Discuss the merits/value of hiring a Bouncy Castle in future.
- (d) Suggest more publicity. A new and larger banner to advertise, and which could have a space in which we could insert (changeable) advance notice of specific dates of the Shows. It could be in place for more than one week. (Note: Terry had provided flyers which were distributed and placed in various locations including local shops. Colin had arranged publicity with Radio Merseyside and Roger Phillips did mention it.)

10. AGM - it was agreed we would have a meeting on 4/10/15 to discuss AGM matters.

11. AOB -

- (a) Everyone to assess how we can take advantage of Matched Funding offer from ALA, see their email dated 12/9/15 for details.
- (b) Trophies/shields will be engraved this week, cost £85. When they are returned to winners they will also receive envelopes containing prize money. Ken/Joe will action.
- (c) Notices for gates - regarding noise levels , cost £45. Ken will action.
- (d) Sue, plot 63, arranged for wood chippings/shredded pine leaves and logs to be deposited in the car park area. She later asked Ken if we want any more.

After some discussion, and considering how much space this took, plus the difficulty parking, the committee agreed we did not want regular supplies. Ken will advise her the committee decision and let her know if we wanted more of this at any time in future.

- (e) Horse manure had been randomly left in the parking area. The people who brought it were not plot holders and did not have a key - someone let them in and out.

A week later the same people arrived and left more manure. When they were asked who agreed to this they said a committee member had given permission. They were told they were not to leave any more openly scattered around, where people walk and park, as this contravened H & S regulations.

Committee members present had not known, in advance, anything about this delivery.

It was agreed that we should not permit any deliveries until/ unless a dedicated, contained area was set up, and which could be covered, in order to comply with Section 3k, Tenancy Agreement.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Sunday 4th October at 11 am, for pre-AGM.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm