

Ashfield Allotment Association

President **Eric Shaw**

Chairman **Daniel Barrington**

Treasurer **Joe Roper**

Secretary **Ken Hines**

Minutes of Committee meeting

Sunday 1st November 2015. Present: Daniel Barrington, Ken Hines, Joe Roper, Colin Langeveld, Terry Wilson, Eddie Wilson, Marilyn Gray, Neill Davies and Gaynor Little

1. Apologies – All committee members were present.

2. Minutes of the last committee meeting - Agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes –

Trophies/Shields have now been engraved

Notices for gates regarding noise – Ken has purchased the signs

Horse Manure – An area has been agreed for manure to be placed and will be marked out with flags

4. Matters arising from the AGM minutes –

We still need to get a working party together to clear the rubbish at the back of plots 54 & 55. The council will give us a skip when this is arranged.

Gate Locks – A new lock has been purchased for the gate. The chain isn't attached to the lock on the bottom gate.

5. Auditors Report – The accounts have not been audited yet, Joe will be getting them to the auditor in the next couple of weeks. Daniel said we need to make sure that next years accounts are audited before the AGM.

6 . Correspondence -

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7. Membership Report - Colin had sent all members a copy of the report.

Colin had contacted 26 people in the past month on the waiting list for plots. Lots of people had changed their minds and didn't want a plot, some took a plot and then gave up in a matter of days and some didn't respond to phone calls/emails/messages. The waiting list is now 29.

Plot 53 has become vacant, Debbie was sharing this plot with Lee and has asked for some time to move her fruit bushes. It was agreed that this should be retained as a full plot and given out but tell the new plotholder that the fruit bushes would be moved.

8. Treasurer's report - Joe gave a verbal report. Daniel secured funding from Knotty Ash Councillors for £690 for the toilet. Daniel will get in touch with Housing 21 to see if we can still get funding towards the cost of the spikes.

9. Stores – George will carry on with the stores but will have opening times. This should help with sales as people don't know the best time to come. Daniel will speak to George about the timings and advertise them on the noticeboards.

It was agreed that John Byrne should get keys to the machinery store and help with hiring out machinery.

Joe will get the seed potatoes and onions ordered soon.

10. Update on works for standpipes/spikes – The spikes have now been ordered and should be delivered next week. Joe will contact John Morris who offered to buy the fittings that will be needed.

We still need to order the posts for the standpipes and some fittings. Eddie has already got the piping.

11. Toilet – The new toilet was delivered this week, unfortunately the lock on the door didn't line up. Ken contacted the company who were very helpful and they are sending us a new toilet on Tuesday.

12. Rent collections – Dates set as Saturday 6th February and Sunday 7th February. Ken and Colin attended the ALA AGM and there was no mention of a rent increase.

13. Newsletter – Daniel will produce a newsletter with the rent collection letters. The newsletter will include the stores opening hours and advertise seed potatoes and onion sets. Committee members to let Daniel know any other ideas for content.

14. Any other business

(a) Skip – Ken moved some rubbish from a vacant plot to the back of the stores and people have started using it as a dumping ground. We need to get a skip to get rid of it.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Sunday 14th February at 11am

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

NOTE – minutes are in draft and need to be agreed as a true record at the next committee meeting