

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2010

Present

Lol Doyle (LD), Joe Roper (JR), Colin Langeveld (CLa), Daniel Barrington(DB), Charles Labone (CL), Louise Whittaker(LW)

In the Absence of the Chairperson Daniel Barrington was acting Chairman for the Meeting

Apologies

Christine Quirk and Jeff Frost

We noted with sadness the death of our President, who passed away in May.

Minutes of Meeting 9th May

Accepted. Proposed by CLa, seconded by CL.

No Meeting held in June

Matters Arising

Show Schedule now available. H+S notices prepared.

The matter regarding posters exhibited was discussed, and settled.

The security of the site has been improved thanks to measures taken by GH, DB and CLa.

Correspondence

A request for a copy of our Rules, by Harthill Allotments was responded to.

A letter was received about the non-observation of protocols within the committee. This was discussed by all present, and an apology received. Further discussion will take place with regard to Roles and Responsibilities.

Complaints have been made by residents of Ash Grange, regarding disturbance as a result of early morning and late night visits. Notices will be posted near both entrances.

E-mails received from Community Wildlife Programme and Grow2Eat, with regard to grant availability. DB to read through and act as necessary.

Membership Report

There were no new members this month.

There were 3 new applications for plots in June, bringing the total on the waiting list to 67.

As plot 39b has been vacated, the tenant on plot 39a requested to take it over. After discussion it was proposed and accepted by CLa and seconded by LD.

In order that we can ensure that we only give out vacant plots to people who are prepared to work them to an acceptable level, it was proposed that people on the waiting list be given a plot on 6

months probation, and only sign an agreement, after that time, if they have made sufficient progress on the plot.

Proposed by CLa, seconded by LD.

Secretary's Report

As a result of a plot inspection in May, 3 plots were identified as in need of attention, and 1st Warning Letters sent out. Two plotholders responded and the 3rd plot holder was sent a 2nd Warning Letter. This plotholder has since relinquished his plot. Two more letters were sent out prior to today's meeting to other plot holders.

As a result of the hosepipe ban introduced by United Utilities, the NSALG have been in contact with the water company to clarify our position. Consequent feedback from the Federation, implies that we may continue to use hoses to fill our waterbutts, as per our own rules.

Treasurers Report

Money for stores received from Alty's, and Water Charges, has been paid out. Money from shop sales has been banked and keeps us in the black. Overall shop sales to date have beaten last years figures.

Stock levels in the stores are good. Thanks were given to George for all his hard work in the stores and the polytunnels.

We haven't made as much Money as last year on the open day but considering the bad weather on the day we still made a good profit. It was suggested that we have the open day next year in early may.

Roles and Responsibilities

To be discussed at the next Meeting

Flower Show and Open Day

The trophies are ready. It was agreed that this year we'll hire tables for the marquee. We have some volunteers for setting up and working stalls. A notice will be put up asking for volunteers.

Any Other Business

Committee reminded to read proposed changes to Constitution, and forward thoughts to Chair by 16th July.

In this years allotments competition we came 7th in the Best Site Category which is disappointing as we've won best site for the past two years. We will look in to the scores and possibly ask the judges how we could improve. The 5 plots that we entered scored – John Morris plot 72A – 430 points, George Holmes Plot 67 – 416 Points, John Burke & Sue Johnson Plot 58 – 416 points, Colin Green Plot 33 – 412 Points, George Holmes Plot 60 - 399 points.

As people have continued ignoring the notice regarding the use of the main path, and turning onto the path that runs from plot 1a to plot 15, a post will shortly be erected to prevent such actions, and protect the water pipes that run below.

Meeting closed at 12.22pm.