

Ashfield Allotment Association

Treasurer **Joe Roper**

President **Eric Shaw**

Chairman **Daniel Barrington**

Minutes of Committee meeting

Sunday 17th May 2015, meeting opened at 11.10am. Present – Daniel Barrington, Colin Langeveld, Joe Roper, Ken Hines, Neill Davies, John Byrne, Marilyn Gray & Joan Langeveld

1) Apologies – Terry & Eddie

2) Minutes of the last committee meeting – agreed as a true record

3) Matters arising from the minutes – There were no matters arising

4) Correspondence

██████████ – The committee had received a letter about a helper on plot 77 who had been leaving the bottom gate unlocked. This person has done this in the past. Daniel will write to the plot holder about this and about his attitude towards other plotholders.

5) Membership report – Colin had sent all members a copy of his report.

We are waiting for a couple of keys to be returned. Neill pointed out that it needs to be clear that keys are the property of the Association/Council and must be returned. Joan said this is made clear to all new tenants, Marilyn and Ken said this was made clear to both of them when they took their plots.

Alan Morrow has suggested that we reintroduce a probationary period for all new tenants. This was discussed and agreed it was a good idea but the probationary contract needs to be updated. All committee members are to send suggestions to Joan.

Colin read a statement about a recent incident. Alan M was supposed to be in attendance to discuss this with the committee; Daniel will contact Alan to arrange a meeting to specifically discuss this issue and the probationary period.

6) Treasurer's report – Joe produced balance sheets. Our open day wasn't as successful this year due to bad weather. There was a lack of volunteers, we need to make sure that we plan future open days properly.

We made a small loss on potatoes this year and we had a lot left over. We need to order less next year and also look at which varieties were popular.

7) Update on works for standpipes and taps/ Barbed wire – Joe will order the brackets for the barbed wire. John B has volunteered to carry out the work but needs other people to help.

8) Plot Inspection – It was agreed to carry out a plot inspection soon (likely to be Saturday 23rd May). Not all committee members need to be in attendance. Ken offered to send letters and keep a record. Daniel will send Ken all the paper work.

9) Any other business

- Woodland Area – A complaint has been received about the condition of the woodland area and lack of path. John B will look at this and see if it can be strimmed.

- Requests for second keys ██████████ – It was agreed to charge £40 for a second key, the two requests were approved and forms need to be signed.

- Skip – John B has sorted through some of the bric-a-brac, Alan M told Daniel we could have a skip.

10) Date and time of the next meeting – Sunday 21st June at 11.00am