

ALLOTMENT MEETING

22ND NOVEMBER 2011

Present: Angela & Nigel Adams, Phil Read, Steve & Briony Harrison, Dave Harris, Roy Bradford, John & Sheila Scholes, Derek Headland, Ian Flatters, Trevor Larner, Jon Sewell's Dad, Julie & Graham Ashworth, Paul Rice, Paul Watkins.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

An EGM was held on 27/2/11 after Barry resigned as Chairman, Phil Read was elected as the new chairman. At the same meeting it was suggested that a quorum of at least 5 people be chosen to make day to day decisions regarding the running of the allotments between meetings.

It was suggested that a maximum amount be set for spending by the quorum it was decided this amount be £60.00.

Paul Watkins proposed , Paul Rice seconded.

A meeting was held with the Parish Council on 15th August 2011 regarding allowing people in the surrounding villages to rent allotments in Rippingale, the minutes from this meeting were read and the reply received on 14th September 2011. The Parish Council rejected the proposal.

The secretary was asked to re submit the request to the Parish Council and ask them to reconsider allowing outsiders within the Aveland Group of Parishes rent allotments in Rippingale. This was unanimously voted on and if the reply is still no we would like the reasons why. In the Parish Councils reply letter we were also likened to the Football Club and wish the reason for this to be clarified.

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Also at our meeting on 15/8/11 we asked the Parish Council if we could take over the Orchard area on the allotments and if we could keep Bees.

The reply received on 25/10/11 had No Objection to either request, although the keeping of bees would have some conditions attached to it which would have to be met first.

The Table Top Sale held at the village hall was a great success and it was agreed to make it an annual event. Nigel said thank you to everyone for the £200 donation which was made to Lives First Responders, a Pulse- oximeter has been purchased. It was said that the event 'brought the village together'.

A thank you was given to the sub committee who organised it and they hinted that they may run it more than once a year.

Portable Toilet: When the toilet block was built by Trevor & Ian they said it was built for the 'Ladies only' this was disputed by some members of the allotments so it was decided to vote on the matter. It was a unanimous vote for it to be a Ladies only toilet but for No.1's only. Trevor said he would empty it when needed. It was also suggested to have it padlocked down to deter thieves.

Bonfire Night went well and it was agreed to hold it again next year.

Manure: We now have a regular supply of manure from 3 suppliers if we can collect it. Kirkby Cattery have donated a Trailer which Trevor, Ian & Roy have re-vamped for our use and it is now ready to go.

The Stables at the back of the pub have delivered some manure for us and there is more to follow. Jean Redding has a lot and it was suggested to see if we could leave the trailer at hers for them to fill for us as they muck out the stables then ring us when it is full. It was agreed that we need to organise another muck heap maybe to the left of the entrance, Trevor & Ian to organise and re mark out plot 14.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: We have been asked if we would be willing to do a BBQ at the village hall on the evening of 1st June at the Ceilidh and again in the daytime on 3rd June at the village playing field when there will be a Family Fun Day. The proceeds would be split 50/50 between the allotments and the jubilee committee. It was agreed to help. Proposed by Julie, seconded Derek.

Eva & Nige agreed to organise.

NSALG membership is due again and it was agreed to join again for a further year.

Xmas Meal: It was suggested we hold the Xmas meal in January at the Ship in Pointon the date is to be arranged. Phil and Angie are to organise.

Subs: Steve suggested that as we have a good bank balance at the moment maybe we should have as subscription free year.

Some of the committee didn't agree with this and brought up the fact that we may need to buy a ride on lawnmower which would cost about £400-£500.

We all voted with 6 who didn't want to pay but 7 who did, so it was agreed subs for this year coming will continue at £10 per person.

The secretary is to send an e mail to everyone requesting payment.

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Derek suggested that if we decide to keep Bees at the allotments it would not be a good idea to 'advertise' the fact on the notice board as advised by the Parish Council as this could encourage vandalism or theft.

Jon Sewell's dad thanked Roy for keeping Mandy's memorial plot tidy.

It was suggested that we ask the Parish Council if they could cut the boundary hedge twice a year instead of just once.

Julie said it would be nice to have a Christmas BBQ at the allotments on Thurs 22nd December. Secretary to e mail everyone. Sub committee to organise details.

Graham asked if we could have a Pie & Pea night at the village hall next year and maybe some more events throughout the year. More suggestions would be welcome.

Ian said that the Tree stumps need removing from the Orchard area, John said he would be happy to use his JCB.

Barry is still the Allotment Parish Council representative but unfortunately was unable to make it to our meeting.

Meeting Closed 9.40pm.