

ALLOTMENT MEETING 20/11/12

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL

Present:- Doreen & Stu Hilton, Angela Adams, Trevor Larner, Ian Flatters, Paul Caston, Paul Watkins, Roy Bradford, Julie Lydon, Graham Ashworth.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted
2. No matters were arising
3. Treasurer reported we had £279.00 cash + £976.47 in the bank
4. A letter was read out from the Parish Council regarding the application for another strip of land at the top of the allotments where it stated they had decided to wait on the outcome of allowing outside villagers to have plots before making a decision whether to allow us to have the extra land. Allotment holders present were not happy with this and it was agreed to write back to the PC asking them to reconsider. The matter of the flooded area at the top of the car park also needs bringing up with the PC.

There were no objections to donating towards the cost of the Memorial upkeep.

Jim Latham wrote suggesting a 'Food Festival' next year and wondered if we would be interested in getting involved, there were no objections but it was agreed that it might be better to tie it in with the Village Feast.

The Village 'Open Gardens' will be held on the weekend of 18th – 19th May the allotments will be again joining in with this event.

5. It was agreed to continue with the NSALG membership, Trevor to send them a cheque.
6. Plot Holders need e mailing to ask if they have any Charities they would like any future funds raised donating to.
7. There is a 'Grow your own' event being held on 15th – 17th March 2013 at Stoneleigh Park and it was suggested that it might be a nice event to go to. Further details to be arranged.
8. The annual Christmas dinner needs to be arranged maybe at The Ship Inn, Pointon as we did last year, date to be arranged. It was suggested that if we get a good take up from plotholders then maybe we could supply wine on the tables from group funds.

9. As last year some of the plots became very untidy due to them not being cultivated it was suggested that Doreen & Angela get together to draft out a letter to be sent to plotholders, as needed, asking them to de-weed there plots.

10. Events for 2013: Valentines Disco 16/2/13

Open Gardens 18th-19th May

Village Feast 20th-21st July

Open Day/National Allotment Week 5th – 11 August

Table Top Sale ??

Beer Festival September

Bonfire Night November

New Years Eve 31/12/13

Other suggestions – Car Boot, Pig Roast, 60/80's Night these to be discussed by the events committee.

11. A.O.B – Graham asked if there was an upper limit to the funds we can have in the bank, it was decided that there wasn't and that if there was an excess of funds then more would be donated to charity.

There has been a scrap man seen hovering around the allotment gates and it was suggested asking plotholders to close the gate whilst working? Trevor will put a 'close the gate' sign up.

The car park needs more tarmac.

New gates are needed at the A15 end of the allotments, Trevor has a gate and will arrange to have it fitted.

Barry will follow up who is responsible for grading the far entrance outside the allotment boundary.

Next Meetings (Thursdays) 14th February, 30th May, 15th August, 14th November

Meeting Closed 9.15pm