

ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS
AGM
12TH NOVEMBER 2013 8PM
AT RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Trevor Larner, Andrew Flatters, Angela Adams, David Knibbs, Julie Lydon, Graham Ashworth, Phil Read, Doreen & Stuart Hilton, Paul Watkins, Paul Caston, John Scholes, Iain Middleton, Eva Patrick.

Apologies: Pat & Bill Morton, Phil Palmer, Steve & Briony Harrison, Richard Grech, Nige Adams.

Minutes of the last AGM Meeting were accepted & signed.

Matters Arising – None

Correspondence – None

Chairman's Report:- I would like to welcome the new allotmentees and hope they are enjoying allotment life. I'll start with the weather at least this year was better than last and not a complete washout. I'm sure everybody has had good crops apart from the sweetcorn being eaten! Being our first growing year Stu and I are very pleased with results and learning something all the time, ie Courgettes very soon grow into Marrows and one plant is more than enough for us – I am fed up making Courgette Soup.

We miss Roy and his grass cutting expertise and we have given him a Garden Centre Voucher together with some Flowers for his wife in appreciation of his hard work. We did try to get round to everyone we could to sign the card but might have missed a few. There are possible changes ahead with the new agreement being discussed with the Parish Council once a full discussion with allotment holders has taken place. More news on this later.

Additional Land is due for release in October next year when we shall have more new members, so we are growing from strength to strength.

I have enjoyed the last year as Chairman and thank you for your support but I have decided not to stand for the coming year.

Secretary's Report:- It has been a strange year with a wet cold spring turning into a dry hot summer. We have a few new ploholders this year and as Doreen said I would also like to welcome them.

Things have been difficult recently but hopefully we can get things back on track as I am sure we all have the Allotments at heart and want to make it an enjoyable place to be. We all need to pull together and hopefully get more plot holders interested enough to get involved in the social side of things.

I have enjoyed another year as secretary and am happy to continue if required.

Treasurer's Report:- The Accounts have been Audited at a cost of £25.00 by Judith Tyler

The Total Subs Collected were £260.00

2013 started with Petty Cash £282.68 Bank Account £980.13

We now have Petty Cash £245.05 Bank Account £1170.90 = Total £1415.95

£818.68 was donated to Local Charities in 2013 from fund raising done.

A copy of the Accounts were supplied.

I will also be stepping down as Treasurer

Election of Officers:

Chairman - Graham Ashworth - Nominated by Paul Caston, Seconded by Paul Watkins

Treasurer - Nigel Adams - Nominated by Eva Patrick, Seconded by Paul Caston

Secretary - Angela Adams - Nominated by Phil Read, Seconded by Doreen Hilton

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm