

ALLOTMENT MINUTES 13TH MAY 2014

7.30PM RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Angela & Nigel Adams, Graham Ashworth, Julie Lydon, Paul Watkins, Doreen Hilton, Trevor Larner, Andrew Flatters, Steve Harrison, Iain Middleton, Alan Vaughan.

APOLOGIES: John Scholes, Paul Rice, Barry Flatters, Stuart Hilton

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed & signed.

Treasurers Report: We have £1363.21 in the bank
£100.00 Petty cash

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: A meeting was held on 8/5/14 at the village hall when all groups & bodies in the village were invited to attend. It was a good evening with various people giving reports. Graham reported for the allotments that everything seemed to be running ok but that we would not be happy to accept the current agreement proposed by the Parish Council. This will have to be discussed at a separate meeting with them.

WEED CONTROL: Graham reported that there is an abundance of dandelions on various allotment plots & asked that they are dealt with before they seed everywhere.

BREAK INS: Nothing seemed to be taken at the last shed break ins, the police have been informed & have sent the forensics team came but said that there wasn't enough evidence to take but they will keep us informed of any developments. As we now have our own allotment insurance any future claims need to be reported to the secretary as they need to be reported as a whole. The police are to arrange another tool marking day sometime in the future. Security lighting was suggested, motion sensors would cost approx £200 which would also ring up to 5 numbers, but who would want to go up to the allotments alone at night to confront potential burglars. We need to think about a solution. Maybe have a couple of lights + let people know that we have CCTV in operation.

OPEN DAY: this was originally going to be held on 10th August but the date has been changed to 17th August. If anyone has any ideas for the day then let us know.

CONSTITUTION & PARISH AGREEMENT: We have now taken out our own insurance as requested by the Parish Council, the Constitution has been updated although the PC made lots of suggestions to add to our constitution but everyone agreed that they are happy with the constitution we have written.

The Parish Council Agreement was rejected by plot holders & a meeting is to be arranged with the PC to discuss this. Plot holders just want to grow there veg & not be responsible for anything else. We don't need any grants as suggested by the PC and we are not happy with the upkeep of the whole allotment boundary hedges. The allotment group has always done any other repairs needed themselves and at their own expense anyway.

A.O.B. The month end BBQ will continue until the weather gets colder.

The tarpaulin over the BBQ area needs replacing the costing is to be looked into.

The roadways on the allotments over winter are very wet but it is not worth paying for drainage so it was decided to stop cars driving around the allotment area over winter.

A thank you was given to Paul Watkins for his grass cutting & mower maintenance which is much appreciated.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2014 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL