

## Rippingale Allotment Group

### Meeting Notes – Inaugural Committee – Monday 24 October 2005

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 19.30 hrs four of the prospective allotment holders met at the Bull Inn, Rippingale to discuss the meeting held with the council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 which Lisa Bartrop and Pauline Warman attended on behalf of the prospective allotment holders group.

It was decided that the best way forward was to form a committee to liaise with the council in order to progress our requests. The committee members would be considered temporary until such time that all prospective allotment holders had had a chance to vote/agree.

Chairman	Iain Middleton, 12 Middle Street	tel 440 459 – iain.middleton@ukgateway.net
Secretary	John Warman 1 Wendover Close	tel 440 139 – JohnRWarman@btinternet.com
Treasurer	Lisa Bartrop 8 Brambling Walk	tel 440 998 – lisab@warnersgroup.co.uk
Member	Pauline Warman	- PaulineWarman@btinternet.com

Lisa and Pauline felt that the meeting with the council had not been truly productive as they had the feeling that everything had been left to open with no positive feedback to the group on rent, formal/informal tenancy agreements etc. Although it was inferred that a portion of land had been left for the prospective allotment holders to use there was nothing in writing, and nothing has been received by any of the committee to date.

It was obvious to the committee that if anything was to happen then the committee would have to make it happen.

#### Decisions:

- 1 To measure the site, draw a sketch plan and mark out the field.
- 2 Advertise – Posters/Newsletter/Web etc
- 3 Letter to Council:
  - 3.1 Requesting:
    - 3.1.1 Confirm Agreement (Informal) and to provide a draft formal tenancy agreement
    - 3.1.2 Confirm Rent
    - 3.1.3 Permission to put down hardcore etc for a temporary hard-standing without prejudice.
    - 3.1.4 Agree initial plan/markings out.
    - 3.1.5 A meeting to further discuss their way forward.
  - 3.2 Stating:
    - 3.2.1 That we do not consider that the maintenance of the field boundary hedge to be the responsibility of the individual (prospective) allotment holders (at this time).
    - 3.2.2 That the council should assist in the provision and maintenance of any parking/turning areas and roads as these will also be used by others plus the costs would be obstructive to villagers taking up the allotments. The group would however assist in any practical way to put these into place.
    - 3.2.3 Water is not essential in the first instance.

#### Actions:

Letter to Rippingale Parish Council – (John) – after sketch plan etc is made.

Marking Out / Measuring etc – (All) to start Saturday 29 October

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| Advertising -  | Web – (John)<br>Posters – (John)<br>News Letter – (Iain)<br>The Local ? – (John) |
| Insurance -    | Investigate for Group – (Lisa)<br>Home – (All)                                   |
| Constitution - | Draft, samples from Web – (Pauline)  |
| Grants -       | Check SKDC / LCC – (Pauline/All)   |