

Row Gardens Allotment Group - Rippingale

Notes from Site Meeting Sunday 11 December 2005

Present – Barry Flatters, Brian Martin, Iain Middleton, John Warman, Angela and Nigel Adams, Paul Rice, Christine Williams (and family).

Apologies – Lisa Bartrop, Brian Martin and Pauline Warman

We now have 10 members. Group membership subscription has defaulted to £3 (the original subs collected from the first 6 members so that we could to join the NSALG). This is about right as NSALG membership for a society / group is £1.75 per member (min £17.50). £1.25 per member will be left to cover admin and sundry expenses. On top of this will be the rent to the Parish Council.

It was agreed to retain some land between Plots 6, 5, 4, Plot 7 and the hedge for small gardens for the disabled and infirm, and to promote its availability. The remainder of this area, plus the land between Plot 6 and the track, and Plots 7, 1 and the road will be reserved for parking / turning / access etc (hard standing). We will get as much rubble / hard core down between Plot 6 and the track as practical to form an initial turning area, and if possible a parking area. Hopefully we will get grants at a later date to complete the job properly.

Offers of hardcore and rubble etc were being received. We must ensure that it is free from contaminants etc, especially asbestos, oil, glass and metal etc. People / contractors etc MUST NOT be allowed to dump rubble / hard core until they have been vetted, and preferably supervised.

Plots 8, 9 and 10 have been allocated and were staked out as reduced size (up to the crop) – owners to provide their own string. These will be increased to the full size when we get the next allocation of land.

Approx 1 ton of rubble was already on site (from the Manor) and a further 2 tons (approx) were collected from 72 Station Street. This has formed the start of the turning area. All present helped in collecting and laying down the rubble. *Well done to all there!!*