

# Row Gardens Allotment Group -Rippingale

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 – Rippingale Parish Council Meeting

Iain Middleton and John Warman attended the meeting in order to address the RPC on the outstanding problem of who takes responsibility for the part of the allotment field currently returned to allotment gardens. RGAG still maintain that with only 11 or so members it is financially unviable for the group to be 'self governing' and take on the responsibility. RGAG have however offered to manage the site on behalf of the RPC, but this offer has not as yet been taken up.

In the letter received from the RPC it is stated that the RPC not only WILL NOT take responsibility for the field, but they want to take the allotment rent which would leave nothing to maintain hedges, access track etc.

John W addressed the council, and gave two examples of how allotment letting works – Bourne where the council manage the site and collect the rent (using it to maintain the site), and Langtoft where the council let the allotment field to the local allotment association (which is self governing) for a nominal rent, and the association collect the allotment gardens rents and use it to maintain the site.

The matter remains unresolved.