

# Row Gardens Allotment Group -Rippingale

## Notes from Meeting at the Bull Inn, Rippingale - Tuesday 25 April 2006, 19.30

Present – John and Pauline Warman, Iain Middleton, Lisa Bartrop, Angela Adams, Paul Rice, Brian and Joan Cook, Phil Read, Simon Goode and Emma Newsome

Apologies – Barry Flatters and Christine Williams

The draft letting agreement provided by RPC, and a revised version (drawn up by John W) for the letting of an allotment to a tenant had been previously distributed to the members. It was unanimously agreed that the revised draft was acceptable and that John should continue to 'tidy it up' and return it to the RPC with comments.

It was pointed out that this was an agreement between the RPC and an individual tenant, and did not include the management of the site by RGAG. If the RGAG is to manage the site on behalf of the council then it is expected that a reference will be made in the agreement.

The problem of the RPC not retaining responsibility for the part of the allotment field currently allocated to allotments was discussed. If the RGAG has to take responsibility then it will need funds for insurance (approx £45 per year) and to carry out routine and other maintenance. This could prove an unfair financial burden on the members with only 7 full size plots available, especially if the RPC want to take the full rent as is currently the case. It was suggested that we would need at least 20 or 30 full sized plots to be viable as a 'Self Governing Association'. This matter is on-going, and we currently are waiting on further information from the RPC.

John W requested members to adhere to what will become the rules, in particular marking the boundary of their allotment garden, looking after the paths surrounding their allotment.