



## **Stonham Parva Allotmenters**

**Minutes** of Committee Meeting held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 @ Gable Cottage, Stonham Parva

### **Present**

Wendy Brame; Tim Brame, Mike Gregory; Carol Gregory; Chrissy Butler; Trevor Benjamin

### **1. Apologies**

Rupert Weavers; Julian Dean (who is standing down).

### **2. Welcome**

Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Explained that the proposed September meeting last year did not take place as we had sufficient funds and did not need to increase the cost of annual plot rental.

### **3. Current Plot Status**

There are now 28 plots in total after two smaller plots were amalgamated now that John Izzard had relinquished his plot. Also following the sad death of Teddy Brown (a long term allotment tenant) seven plots have become available for rent. Currently 15 are being rented.

Wendy had made contact with several local parishes to enquire if they had allotment vacancies and if not let them know we have plots available. These included Stonham Aspal, Earl Stonham, Mendlesham and Pettaugh. One person had shown interest so far. The meeting agreed to circulate to other local villages and we will also publicise in local papers.

The recent Parish newsletter did not result in any further interest from within the village to rent plots or participate in working party.

### **4. Bank Account**

Mike reported that we currently had a balance of £282 so with this year's plot income we would have sufficient funds to cover the £400 payment for 2016/17. Invoices have been prepared and will be distributed this weekend.

At this month's Parish Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> Wendy will check when the council wish us to send our cheque for onward payment but want to pay by the 1<sup>st</sup> April as per the contract between the Parish Council and us.

#### **5. DEFRA Registration**

The meeting requested that all tenants with livestock (chickens etc) to provide their DEFRA registrations by the end of the month.

#### **6. Fencing Estimates**

Mike had made contact with a number of companies but only 2 have provided quotes, he outlined the two quotes he had received for a perimeter fence.

- To install 1.1m fencing with 15 gates was £10,000 plus VAT.
- To install 1.8m fencing with 15 gates was £19,000 plus VAT.

We discussed the costs and noted that the cost of the gates was more than half the total cost and perhaps we could consider fewer gates. The meeting agreed to get a couple of further quotes, hopefully from local companies.

#### **7. Notice Board**

Wendy to check if Rupert had asked his contact for a cost of a notice board as we feel a little more info at the allotments would be beneficial.

We also agreed to put up notices asking dog walkers to clean up after their dogs as there had been a lot of problems with dog fouling.

#### **8. Next Meetings**

Next meeting will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May (to discuss AGM)

The meeting agreed to hold its AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> June (As per the constitution the committee will stand down and election for posts will take place)

A further meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September was proposed to set next year's rent (2017/18).