



Stonham Parva Allotmenters

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 10th February 2017 @ Gable Cottage, Church Lane, Stonham Parva

1. Welcome

Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Stonham Parva Allotmenters. Present where Wendy Brame; Tim Brame, Mike Gregory; Carol Gregory; Ivan Richardson, Luke Johnson, Diane Prentice and Trevor Benjamin

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alan White, Chrissy Butler and Kate Dawson.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting 22nd September 2016 were agreed.

4. Chair Update

Wendy reported that we now have 24 of the 28 plots rented. The four unoccupied plots are 11 which is a half plot and was proposed as a communal area, plot 18 is full of brambles and would need clearing before use and plots 25 and 24 might be used to keep pigs.

A Christmas social was held on the 8th December in the Magpie with seven in attendance. We also had a team at this year's Xmas quiz night held at Stonham Parva Baptist Chapel, our team coming fourth out of nine.

5. Financial Update

Mike reported that the current bank balance was £280. With current 24 plots rented we could receive a further £480, assuming all renew. This would adequately cover the £400 annual cost due in April with a surplus.

Mike has e-mailed all plot holders to ask them to confirm if they will continue their rental from April, he will then raise invoices from the 1st March for payment by the end of March.

6. Working Party

Two half day working parties took place in October and November and cleared all of plot 1 and some of plots 4 & 16, all three plots are now rented out. We may consider another working party in March, to be confirmed. Failing that one in autumn will be arranged.

7. Onesuffolk website hosting

The website still remains despite notice it will be closed. The SP Parish Council has agreed to host the allotments pages on its own website. The transition to a new site by the SPPC

has been delayed but is expected to complete in March and the secretary will distribute the new link.

8. Any other Business

The secretary announced that he planned to stand down at the AGM and so the committee would like to find a replacement - any volunteers? It only consists of notes for 3-4 meetings a year, preparing an agenda and sending items to be hosted on the website to the SPPC web administrator.

9. Pig Club

Wendy stated that 5 people are interested in keeping pigs on the allotment and as mentioned earlier this could be on Plots 24 and 25. Wendy and Tim will continue to keep their own pigs so will not participate in the club but are happy to advise. Some things discussed: - pigs will need to be made friendly so they can be moved as a trailer cannot get closer than the Glebe field. It will need to agree how funding will take place for purchase (circa £45 per pig), feeding (circa £200) and butchering (circa £230) plus any vet bills should they occur. The pigs will need feeding twice a day at regular times, a rota for feeding will need to be agreed. Water will need to be provided for both drinking and wallowing thought to be approx. 100 litres a week. Consideration of an allotment water supply might be required.

Wendy has e-mailed someone who sets up pig clubs locally and it was agreed that a meeting between him and the five interested parties was required to agree these aspects.

10. Close

It was agreed the next formal meeting will be at 7pm on 19th May venue to be confirmed.

The AGM will be the 8th June 2017 venue to be confirmed.