



Stonham Parva Allotmenters

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Friday 5 June 2015 @ Gable Cottage, Stonham Parva

Present

Wendy Brame; Mike Gregory; Carol Gregory; Julian Dean; Trevor Benjamin

1. Apologies

Chrissy Butler, Tim Brame, Rupert Weavers

2. Approval of previous minutes from 10th April 2015

Item 6 has been amended slightly to conform to the resolution needed by Natwest Bank in order for us to open a bank account with them.

3. Update

Wendy confirmed there are now 15 plots taken out of the 29 on the site. There should be 7 plots coming available soon and could be worked on immediately.

Plot 11 in the middle of the allotment is a strange shape as it was used to adjust the plot alignment to the path as we go around the pond. It was agreed it will become a communal plot and the corrugated shed from in one of the vacant plots will be moved to form a shed for communal use.

4. Bank Account

Mike has now successfully set up an account with Natwest and we have the necessary paying in and cheque books. Wendy provided all current payments (cheques and cash) along with the receipts book. There are a couple of people still to pay.

5. Poultry on site and DEFRA registration.

We agreed it was reasonable to expect plot holders who keep poultry on site to register with DEFRA within one calendar month of starting to do so. We also agreed that when tenants renew their annual rental that we check that they have current DEFRA registration if they are keeping poultry on the allotment.

6. Boundary Fencing

A discussion was held regarding fencing and what would be suitable - we agreed to get three quotes from local fencing companies for a 1.8m high boundary fence that's rabbit and deer proof. It was agreed we would have 1 gate per 2 plots.

Mike agreed to arrange for some quotes from Mid Suffolk Fencing, Clarks Fencing and one other.

Trevor to write to Mathew Hicks our Suffolk County Councillor to request a donation towards the fencing.

Once we have quotes the Committee will look to get a grant for the remainder of the funding for the fencing. It is hoped that we can get grant funding for this but if we could not secure that level of funding then we might take on aspects ourselves.

7. Notice Board

We propose to have a small notice board at the allotments hopefully made by a neighbour of Rupert's.

8. Volunteers

Mike reported that several people from the village had offered to help with clearance of the allotments but were not interested in a plot themselves. We agreed to arrange a clearing event later this year with plenty of notice.

9. Next Meeting

Would usually be in September to agree the fees for next year. We may have one sooner once we have a view on fencing quotes.

Trevor Benjamin
6th June 2015