



## **Stonham Parva Allotmenters**

**Minutes** of Committee Meeting held on Friday 13th March 2015 @ 6 Turnpike, Stonham Parva

### **Present**

Wendy Brame; Trevor Benjamin; Ivan Richardson; Rupert Weavers; Chrissy Butler; Mike Gregory; Carol Gregory; John Bloomfield and Dave Hughes

#### **1. Apologies**

Sue Hardcastle

#### **2. Welcome**

Wendy welcomes everyone to the meeting

#### **3. Update by Ivan Richardson (Parish Council Chairman)**

Ivan informed everyone that Birketts; the Solicitors acting for Clarke and Simpson; have drawn up a contract between the Parish Council and Clarke and Simpson. Ivan has been sent a copy and has asked for one amendment – that Clarke and Simpson do not have a three year get out clause. Birketts have agreed this in principle so the contract will be amended. Hopefully the contract will be signed by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The annual rent is £400.

#### **4. Committee Set-up**

There was a discussion around the setup of a Committee – options were an official Committee with Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer which would include the need for a constitution and bank account but would allow us to apply for grant funding ourselves, an Organising Committee so as a group we decide what we would like done and this request is fed back to the Parish Council and if agreed we would help them apply for funding etc. or we could just have a forum where issues would be discussed relating to the allotments and this would then be taken to Parish Council meetings.

Ivan advised that he was hoping the Committee would run the allotments including setting the rules, giving out new tenancies and collecting in the rent which would then be payable to the Parish Council once a year.

Everyone agreed this was a good idea and in order for this to be run correctly we would need a Committee – all agreed the name Stonham Parva Allotmenters.

The Committee will require a constitution and rules – **WB** to look into this.

#### **5. Committee Positions**

Chairperson – Wendy Brame

Proposer: Mike Gregory, Seconder: Dave Hughes

Secretary – Trevor Benjamin

Proposer: Ivan Richardson, Seconder: Rupert Weavers

Treasurer – Mike Gregory

Proposer: Wendy Brame, Seconder – Chrissy Butler

#### **6. Running the Allotments**

Brief discussion around cost and size of plots, currently all plots are different sizes and all tenants pay different amounts. All agreed that it would be best to measure out plots at 10rod (250sqm) and then plots can be allocated accordingly. Likely cost will be £20 per plot payable in advance on 1<sup>st</sup> April every year.

Some current allotments holders are going to hand back their tenancies, one will keep only a part of his allotment and the other person does not want to hand back his plot but is not well enough to work it – Ivan will be meeting with him shortly to discuss further.

#### **7. Important Dates**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 2pm @ Allotments – Measuring plots

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm @ Gable Cottage – Meeting