



Stonham Parva Allotmenters

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 19th May 2017 @ Magpie Public House, Stonham Parva

1. Welcome

Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Stonham Parva Allotmenters. Present were Wendy Brame; Tim Brame, Mike Gregory; Carol Gregory; Ivan Richardson, Johanna Richardson and Sarah Wright

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alan White, Kate Dawson and Trevor Benjamin

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting held 10th February 2017 were agreed.

4. Chair Update

Wendy reported that of the 24 plots rented last year 9 did not renew but since April 3 have been rented out with a further 1 to be rented out shortly. This means we now have 18 plots rented out.

Wendy thanked everyone for working hard on their plots which makes a difference to the appearance of the whole site and she has received many favourable comments from villagers.

5. Financial Update

Mike confirmed that the email sent in early March to check if people were renewing or not worked really well as some confirmed they would not renew which meant no time was wasted in raising and chasing invoices.

Mike had prepared the accounts for the end of the financial year which will be handed out and discussed at the upcoming AGM.

The rent received so far this financial year is £360 so with the money already in the bank the rental for 17/18 has been paid and leaves us with £240 in the bank going forward.

6. Secretary Replacement

As mentioned at the last meeting, Trevor wishes to stand down as Secretary but was willing to stay on until a replacement could be found. Sarah Wright is interested in taking on this role. If anyone else is interested please make yourself known to Wendy before the AGM.

7. Any other Business

Pig Club – Wendy had not received a reply from the person she knew but contacted Debenham Pig Club to get some figures and to find out how they work their club and these figures and rota system were discussed.

Ivan had contacted Anglian Water to see about having a Standpipe put in and was given details of a person to speak to and a form to complete. He has not been able to reach the person yet but will complete the form and then Anglian Water will provide us with a quote. There is already a stand pipe near the layby but it would need to be connected to the mains.

It was agreed that it would be best to wait until the water issue is sorted before any pigs are purchased as it will be difficult to get enough water to the pigs.

Meeting Dates – A request had come in from a member who was unable to make Friday meetings and wondered if future meetings could be changed. No one in attendance had any issues with this so we will try to hold meetings on other nights.

AGM – A few people were unable to make the AGM which was due to be held on Thurs 8th June. Agreed a change of date to Tues 13th June @ 7pm @ The Magpie.

Manure – A plot holder had suggested communal purchasing of manure/compost etc. This was discussed and Tim confirmed that he had access to as much manure as he wanted so Tim and Wendy will start bringing this to the allotments – it is likely that Plot 11 will be used for this and people can then help themselves.

Next meeting will be AGM on Tuesday 13th May @ 7pm at The Magpie