

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2012 at the Marshfield Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Anthony Quilter Karl Evans,

Apologies: Gary Blythe

In attendance: Ken Honey Gavin Harris, Chris Carroll, Becka Jones, Peter Matthews Wilma Shadall

1. AQ welcomed everyone and ran through previous minutes.
2. AQ then stated the purpose of the meeting i.e. to get to know the current allotment holders and as a forum for them to air their needs and needs regarding the 2 allotment sites.

AQ said that letters have now gone out and most rents had been collected for this year.

Also there had generally been a good response to people who have let their plots go over, they had undertaken to try and get the weeds back in check.

KH stated that thus far he has only had 9 responses from people willing to get involved with an Allotment Association, and felt best to temporarily shelve this idea and work as one with the Allotment Committee.

AQ & KE agreed this was probably the best for now and would look into how (and if) he needs to be formally co-opted onto the Allotment Committee

After general discussion as to how to proceed it was agreed that AQ would produce a (news)letter to all allotment holders inviting their ideas and suggestions, updating everyone on what we are planning on doing.

AQ to do a draft letter and send out to those attending for comments/improvements. With an idea to hold the next meeting in January to discuss ideas such as:

Conversion of an allotment plot to be a car park area

Moving of gates to allow easier access to and from Marshfield Road

Communal fruit trees to form an orchard

Communal storage facility and tools (rotivator)

Children's play area

Communal Greenhouse plots (alongside road/hedge)
Water bore-hole
Communal composting area
Pay someone to look after grass verges..cut/strim etc

3, AQ has had Marshfield Road hedges cut

4, People express an interest in notice boards..GH said he would look at rough costs to make two.

5, PM has query with "what is a council shed and what isn't" PM & GH have non-standard sheds..AQ to investigate.

6, AQ has had a comment from Jo Powell (backed up by one or two others) that the gates in Church Lane are very hard to open, AQ to try and investigate as to what can be done

Meeting finished at 8.30pm