

Marshfield Community Council

Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting Held on 14th May 2013

Present:

A Quilter

G Blythe

J Powell

K Honey

The purpose of the meeting is to review what has been achieved so far and future plans.

What has been achieved:-

Gates repaired Church Lane site

Filling the ruts on Marshfield site

Hedges Trimmed

Vacant sites rotavated and let

Plot schedules reconciled

1 Sheds

Would it be possible to obtain from Gerry a schedule of the allotments with sheds and the date they were erected and how much has been recovered in rent for each shed.

Was any money recovered from tenants to repair the sheds when they vacated their allotments

It was decided that invoices for 2013-14 to be issued as before with the sheds include and any problems regarding shed to be tackled as they arose. There is a need to reconcile the shed to plot numbers the dates they were erected and how much has been collected for each site.

KH to talk to GT

Plot 39 have complained regarding the state of their shed as they are due to take over Plot 37 which has a shed in better condition at this stage it was decided not to charge rent for this shed until the question regarding the future shed policy is resolved.

Action KH GT

2 Children and pets on site

While Children are welcomed on site they are dangerous places and must be supervised at all time and not be allowed to stray on to adjacent plots where they could be injured.

Dogs may be brought onto the site but must be kept on a lead and under control.

Action Note with Invoices KH GT

3 Poly tunnels Sheds and Green House

Poly tunnels may be erected on site

Size 18ft x12 ft

Sheds 8x6

Green house 8x6

Note these should be erected at the ends of the Plots so access onto the Plot is not restricted

4 Key deposits

It was agreed this to be reduced to £10 per key for new tenants.

KH to inform GY

Letter to accompany invoices

KH to draft this note items to you wish to be included to be forwarded to KH ASAP

Action All

6 Toilets

It was decided that these were not needed at this time

7 Tree lopping

Efforts are still being made to find out who owns the land on which the trees are located

Action GB

8 Communal Area

Work is on hand and funds have been applied for

Action GB AQ

9 Gate Marshfield road site

These are required but will have to wait until Funds are available

NFA at this time

10 Update on Community Garden Meeting

JP and KH attended this meeting and felt it was of some use as new contacts were made that may be useful in the future

11 Old age pension criteria

It was confirmed that 65 was the age when plot holders would be eligible for a reduction in their rent

12 Insurance, Health and Safety

The question was raised as to whether the MCC insurance policy also covered the allotments and to what degree.

AQ to raise this with the MCC

13 AOB

GB raised the question of whether it was possible to try again to set up an Allotment Association.

KH to try again and will include an item in the letter to tenants stressing the benefits and asking them to contact him if interested. All Allotment Committee members to "encourage" other plot holders as they see fit.

K> Honey