

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th July at the Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, commencing at 7 p.m.

Present: Gary Blythe, Ken Honey, Joanne Powell, Anthony Quilter

In attendance: Dot Honey, Amanda Hurst, Becca Jones, Stewart Faulkner, Joe McGrath, Richard Elliot, Andy Crean

Apologies: Adele Hobbs, Natasha Sullivan-Dungey

1. AQ welcomed everyone and ran through previous minutes.

Issues still arising (and some new ones)

2. Sheds: The issue was raised that sheds need to be monitored as they are falling into disrepair, and council tenants have to maintain them.

It was agreed that the Allotment Committee would undertake to inspect them twice a year and record this for safety and insurance reasons.

If tenants want to buy their sheds this could be looked at on an individual basis.

3. Overgrown plots: not in the spirit of the allotments, try and have a word, if no luck they will get a letter asking them to tidy up their plot within 14 days.

Andy Crean mentioned his neighboring plot, AQ said he will send him an e-mail.

4. Tenancy books will be updated as required, but general consensus is they are OK at present.

5. It was raised by RE that most of the money this year has been spent on Marshfield Road plots, this is in fact the case. It was explained how this came about. An undertaking was made that next season Church Lane should get a significant portion.

It was agreed that at the next meeting we will start to look at projects for that site.

Tree lopping, car parking, widening of the lane, ruts outside the gate.

Also do we need to join the two sites together? Is there any real benefit?

- 6.** The subject of next year's charges was raised, JP gave figures showing that the current £2 per perch (£20 per plot) is the cheapest in South Wales. We will look at this more in the autumn, with the likelihood that we will increase the charges.
- 7.** JP reported on the progress of forming an Allotment Association (Ray Quinn is willing to be the treasurer), JP has looked in the legal requirements.
- 8.** GB will help with the bulb plant in September and will use the volunteers to reseed (and hoe) the village green
- 9.** Date for next meeting TBC (probably September)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm