

MARSHFIELD ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2012 at the Marshfield Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Anthony Quilter Karl Evans,

Apologies: None

In attendance: Ken & Dotty Honey Gary Blythe, Tom Saltmarsh, Chris & Claire Carroll, Rhian White, Becka Jones

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.

From the general discussion around the table Ken Honey is keen to form an allotment society, open to all the users of the site. This society would once formed liaise with the Allotment Committee regarding on-going projects that the allotment holders were keen to pursue. The members of the Association could undertake projects, funding applications (open to such an association but not to Community Councils).

It was agreed by AQ that Ken would write a letter to all allotment holders which would go out with invoices shortly to be sent out by Gerry Thomas. This is in order that we can build a data-base of current names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers, to speed up communication. We would also aim to have a representative from each allotment site (Marshfield Road and Church Lane) at the committee meetings.

Gary Blythe asked as to what the funding allocation for the allotments was. Karl Evans replied that it was around £2k per year.

Gary is also keen that we spend between £120 and £180 for hard core chippings as a temporary measure to fill the ruts in on the allotment access road. AQ will check at main council meeting but foresees that this should be fine.

A number of other projects were mentioned:

- 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)

It was agreed that these are long term projects that would need more discussion and would be in the remit of the Allotment Association.

3. Tom Saltmarsh raised the fact that a number of allotment holders, had let their plots go, and they were covered in weeds and brambles. This is against the rules of the allotments, and unfair to other users. AQ said that he would write a letter (again to go out with the invoices) and would raise this issue.

4. Rhian White (CL plot12), asked if it was OK to put up a greenhouse, AQ said yes.

5. Gary Blythe asked if he could have the list of council selected fencing contractors in order that he could get a rough quote for moving the gates, AQ said he would try and get this for him.

Meeting finished at 8.20pm