

## **WITNEY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of meeting held on 1 April 2015

**Present:** Mary Killick (Chair) Maggie Perrin, Margaret Eadle, Lynne Berry, Penny Ponton,  
Pete Killick, Barrie Fenton, Val Fisher

**Apologies:** Dave Mace

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 5 February were approved.

### **Matters arising**

The Town Council have trimmed the hedge at Newland.

Bees previously mentioned was not a request for a hive, but to provide nest places for bumblebees

**Treasurer's report.** There is currently a balance of £6000

### **Meeting with Town Council Estates Manager**

Mary has met with John Hickman of Witney TC and he has requested we write to LS tenants whose plots back onto the boundary asking them to clear a 1 metre strip to enable WTC to fix the fencing. The council would also like Lakeside tenants to cut down elder bushes which are near to the roads as roots will break up tarmac. If this happens the association will have to pay for repairs.

Moss needs to be removed from the tarmac paths at Lakeside.

Mary to provide John Hickman with monthly updates.

### **Lakeside**

The skip provided by the council was quickly filled. Unfortunately non tenants used it to dump tyres which the association will be invoiced for.

As the council skip is not large enough to cope with all the Lakeside waste it was agreed to provide an additional skip paid for by the association. Pete will organise.

Plot 64 has been divided and relet, Plots 21b, 41a, 43a, 45b, 50b, 53, 54, 67a, 67b have new tenants.

### **Newland**

Thanks to Barrie, the combination locks fitted to the Newland gates has been very successful.

New tenant has taken over 17b.

Plot 8b currently being relet

Plot 8a letter has been sent re poor condition of plot

Mary will contact tenant of Plot 23/24a to discuss state of plot since no work has been carried out since previous meeting with Maggie

### **Hailey Road**

Plots 27a, 37c and 34a have new tenants.

## **Waiting List**

Maggie has emailed and/or written to everyone on the waiting list to confirm that they still wish to take on an allotment. The responses obtained so far, together with the allocation of recent plots has reduced the waiting list to 60.

Lyn has agreed to take over the running of the waiting list and the task of showing prospective tenants around the sites will be divided between committee members.

## **Annual General Meeting 6 May 2015**

Barrie to contact Cogges Manor Farm to finalise venue details.

Mary to organise the engraving of the challenge cup for Best Kept Allotment and Maggie to prepare certificates.

Maggie, Pete and Penny will be stepping down from the committee at the AGM.

Geoff Branner has indicated that he is happy to stand again.

No other names have been so far been put forward for committee places

## **Any other business**

Mary has emailed Claire Swan, Facilities Manager with a question regarding 'step over fruit trees'

Tenant of NL19 has suggested putting up nest boxes at the site. It was agreed to purchase 15 nestboxes. Barrie to take this forward.

Facebook – It was agreed that at the present time a Facebook page was not required.

Pete to contact Agrivert to see if it is possible to get a delivery of compost to Lakeside.

## **Date of next committee meeting**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**