

# Witney Allotment Association

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

Present: Mary Killick, Geoff Branner, Claire Johnson, Margaret Eadle, David Barber

Apologies: Valerie Fisher, Barrie Fenton, David Mace, Timothy Brown, Row Martin

1. Minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Agreed as accurate.
2. Matters arising.  
MK has contacted John Hickman regarding fence at Lakeside.  
Problem at HB 6b with weeds now resolved. Tenancy given up.  
Issues still with toilet at Lakeside. DB to contact a plumber.  
New noticeboard at Hailey road. Lots of positive feedback. To look at getting similar at other sites.  
Path at Madley Brook reported as 'spilling' has now been resolved.  
Lock at Lakeside still sticking. To purchase coded lock to avoid keep buying keys. MK  
WAA now has mobile phone. RM has phone. Number: 07399130108  
Site map with first names now in place on Hailey Road

3. Treasurers report  
The current balance is £8,158.14  
2 outstanding rent payments outstanding. 1 at Lakeside and 1 at Hailey Road.

4. Waiting list update (not available at meeting) and available plots.

Lakeside-Termination letter sent to tenant who has been unable to tend allotment.  
Hailey Road- 1 half plot available.  
Lakeside 3x full plots and 2x half plots available.  
0 available at Newland.

5. Site rep reports  
Newland- One plot very overgrown. Letter to be sent.  
LS one plot covered in poppies. Concern over seeds spreading. DB to remove heads.  
People still driving and parking on access road to allotment. No parking signs to be put in place. DB
6. Any other business.  
Best Kept Allotments. It was suggested that Highly Commended certificates awarded in addition to current awards. CJ to look into obtaining designed Allotment mugs for presentation.

GB led discussion about ways to build the community on the allotment. Document produced and agreed by present members. Suggestions include: Using a half plot on Hailey Road as a

communal plot and to have a lock up container/shed to set up a shop to bulk buy resources making them cheaper for allotment holders to purchase. Also to be used for storage of communal equipment. Introduce regular get-togethers on plots following the success of 'Plonk on the plot' at both Hailey Road and Newland. To alternate at the 3 sites.

Site wardens- To look at appointing site wardens on sites.

The role to be keeping a general eye on sites, to maintain paths and to report any issues to committee. It was suggested that allotment holders could make private payment arrangements if they had limited time to manage the areas around their plots, this could also include watering or plot management for holiday cover. Job description to be drawn up and post advertised to all allotment holders and persons on the waiting list.

MK following up obtaining grant funding from Tesco to be used to benefit all sites.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Venue to agreed.