

**Blandford Allotment Society**  
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**Minutes of meeting held at the Lamperd's Field Store Room**  
**On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7 pm**  
**Chaired by Amanda Bibby**

*Present: Amanda Bibby – Chair, Andy Dickinson – Treasurer, Pat Richardson – Webmaster, Ann Edwards – Social Secretary/Minute Taker, Ian Ricketts – Seed Secretary, Diane Mawer – Plot Allocator, Ken Pearce – Plot Allocator, Dave Buchan. Apologies for absence: Pat Richardson, Norman Moors.*

1. The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Amanda.

2. Structures on the Allotments

This meeting was called to discuss Structures on the Allotments. A lively discussion took place amongst the Committee Members. It was decided that the following email would be sent to as many allotment holders as possible. This would be done by Ann.

*Quote:*

Dear Allotment Holder

The Committee would like to draw your attention to your agreement with the council which states that plot holders must 'not erect any building, shed or similar structure, nor greenhouse, polytunnel, fruit netting frames or coldframe on the allotment garden without the written consent of the Management Committee' (B.6.1).

Please note that the shed/greenhouse/polytunnel size should not exceed 8' x 6' and that sheds should be metal rather than wooden due to fire risk. There should only be one structure on each plot. If you feel that you need a second structure you will need to put in a request in writing to the Committee but there is no guarantee that your request will be approved. Committee members appreciate that there are a number of plots where structures have been built which exceed the agreed dimensions and in some cases there is more than one building. There have been very few formal requests to build these structures and this is problematic. After some debate we have decided to declare an amnesty for all structures which are currently on the site and will come around the plots on Sunday morning to undertake a review of buildings. In future plot holders must put in a formal request for a structure in advance of constructing it and we would advise you to wait until you have written permission before purchasing one. We are mindful of the potential expense of purchasing greenhouses and are consequently softening the rules to allow polytunnels but please note that all structures are to be well maintained for Health and Safety reasons.

On Sunday the committee will be walking the site and will also be issuing yellow warning letters where plots have not been cultivated or well maintained. Yellow warning letters may be followed by red warning letters if the plots are not managed effectively and sadly this may mean some plot holders may not have their agreement renewed in September.

The committee cannot guarantee that the Council will move buildings to the new site once we are relocated. There have been assurances offered but we have nothing in writing at this stage.

From Blandford Allotment Society Committee. *Unquote*

3. The meeting closed at 8 pm

4. Next meeting is on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

*(Ann Edwards. 21/7/17.email:ann.musicblondie@gmail.com)*