

**Minutes of meeting held at the Lamperd's Field Store Room
On Thursday 18th May 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, Norman Moors – Estate Manager, Dave Buchan

1. The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Amanda. The minutes of 6th April 2017 were read and approved.
2. Matters Arising
Andy has yet to organize the extra signatory – Ann - for cheques. Pat said that the Food Bank welcomes contributions of fresh produce and these can be left on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Methodist Church.
3. Finance
Andy said that the finances are healthy. Andy/Amanda will ask the Town Council about the ring-fenced fund, as we need small equipment items, plus possibly water butts to encourage preservation of water.
4. Report from Diane and Ken
They have been working hard to find out the plot owners of Elizabeth Road, with little success. It was suggested that a notice is staked into all 19 plots requesting them to get in touch to update their details. This request can also be put on the website. Amanda offered to do the sign. At Lamperds Field there are only 10 vacant plots now, not including plot 32 – the burning off plot – or the polytunnel plot. There is a surge of activity on those plots given yellow cards. People needing help because of health problems are urged to contact the Committee, who can help on their plot on the Community Action Days, thus avoiding a yellow card. It was suggested that further yellow cards would be discussed and done at the coffee morning on Saturday June 3rd. It was reported that rats had been seen. Norman is attending to this.
5. Site Management Update
It was reported that more weed killer is needed and more of this work needs to be done. The Council is to be asked to supply 2 sprays, each for 5 litres. Amanda is to approach them to supply and pay for these.
6. Social Secretary
The last coffee morning on May 6th was a huge success, mainly due to the speaker, Malcolm Fowler, who did a brilliant presentation on bee-keeping, plus giving everyone an opportunity of sampling his famous honey. The Committee asked that he be made aware of their tremendous appreciation for giving everyone a very exciting Saturday coffee morning! Events in June are Saturday June 3rd, Coffee morning at 11 a.m. Sunday 25th June Barbecue at 2 p.m. Work needs to be put in hand to clean up

the barbecue, prepare the site, etc. well before the 25th June. Plus erecting the marquee a few days before. Ann to put on the board a notice inviting people to put their names down and to state what food they would like to bring to put on the long table for sharing. Bring your own tiddle, chair, plate and cutlery. Donation for meat on the day please would be welcome – otherwise FREE....

Diary Dates:

Monday May 29th (Bank Holiday Monday) 10 am – Community Action Day/Tractor training day – All welcome

Saturday June 3rd 11 am – Coffee Morning. Mike Holloway, Woodhouse Gardens "Fuschias from Wimborne to Chelsea".

Sunday June 25th at 2 pm – **ANNUAL BARBECUE** (Please sign up on the board)

Saturday July 1st 11 am – Coffee Morning. "Come meet your Committee!"

Saturday August 5th 11am – Coffee Morning. Speaker to be decided (volunteer please!)

Saturday September 2nd 11am – Coffee Morning. Pat Richardson – "Charles Dowding's "No dig approach to growing."

7. Website

Pat said she was pleased to have had some 905 hits, showing that the site is being viewed far more. It would be good to have more text and photos to put on the site, and maybe a prize for the best photo at the AGM. Ian suggested that we could have a closed group on Facebook. The Committee thought this was a good idea, provided only allotment members were allowed to join. Ian is to arrange this.

8. Community Action Day

Diane said there was a lot of work to do. For example, paths, spraying of plots, sorting out a greenhouse, cleaning up, putting tarpaulins down. Several people with major health problems are being supported by helping them to keep their plots in order. It was fixed that the next Community Action Day will be on Monday 29th May, Bank Holiday Monday, starting at 10 a.m., when training on the tractor could also be done. Peter, Darren and Tom had shown an interest. They are to be contacted to see if they can make this date. A poster needs to be done and put up for this inviting people in order to get a good number.

9. Gate Rota

Amanda put it to the meeting that a concern had been raised by an allotmentee about the gate being left open. She suggested we might need a rota for locking the gate at night. The Committee felt this was not necessary.

10. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

11. Date of next meeting is Tuesday 20th June at 7 pm in the store room.

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