

**Minutes of meeting held at the Lamperd's Field Store Room
On Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7 pm**

Chaired by Andy Dickinson

Present: Andy Dickinson – Chair/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. Apologies for absence: Amanda Bibby.

1. The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Andy. The minutes of 18th May 2017 were read and approved.
2. Matters Arising
Andy said that as Ann is a Lloyds' customer, he only needs a signature from her to make her the extra signatory. The Town Council is still to be approached regarding funding for small equipment items, e.g. water butts. Amanda has still to do the yellow card notice to be staked on each plot at Elizabeth Road. The question of yellow cards in general is to be put on the agenda of the next meeting.
3. Treasurer's update
Andy said that the finances are healthy. Current balance is £1550 once the bill for £50 for water is paid.
4. Plot allocation update
Plot allocation is going very well. There is only a quarter plot, a half plot, a full plot and a pending quarter plot available, apart from the burning plot number 32 and the previous polytunnel plot. Ken and Diane are still awaiting yellow cards for staking on the 19 allotments at Elizabeth Road. It had been too busy at the coffee morning on June 3rd to discuss yellow cards. It was agreed that this subject should be put on the next meeting's agenda. It was confirmed that only people from Blandford itself, and Blandford St Mary and Pimperne are allowed to have plots.
5. Community Action update
There had been a good turnout for the Community Action day on Monday 29th May, Bank Holiday Monday. Grateful thanks had been extended to the Committee for keeping up a particular allotment when the owner have been unwell since the beginning of the year. A success story, as it looks great now, and she is back on it. Pictures of this day have been put on the website. The next one is scheduled for September, date to be agreed.
6. General Maintenance Issues
The lock had been tampered with and broken. Ian and Norman are to explore getting another, with perhaps larger numbers if possible, so that they are more visible to allotment holders.
7. Facebook and Website Protocols
There had been an incident when someone had opened up a discussion on facebook regarding permission for erection of poly tunnels. This is a matter to be decided by the Committee, and decisions are made on each individual application. B6 of the Tenancy Agreement clearly says that written consent is required from the Management Committee regarding

the erection of structures. It was thought that the Annual General Meeting might be a good platform to remind everyone of the terms and conditions of their Tenancy Agreement. It was decided that anyone opening up inappropriate discussions, should be redirected to the website, so that their enquiry can reach the Committee. Ian said that in future he would be vigilant of this. Ian will put a little note on the site to this effect.

8. Social Secretary

The last coffee morning on June 3rd had been a great success. Mike Holloway gave us a riveting talk and demonstration, with lots of photos and fresh fuchsias for us to enjoy. The attendance was practically doubled from previous months. The Committee asked that he be made aware of their gratitude for giving everyone such an exciting Saturday coffee morning! Next coffee morning is Saturday July 1st at 11 am. The number of those listed as attending the Annual Barbecue on Sunday 25th June at 2 p.m. is in the region of 40, which is considerably up on last year. People had put their names down for bringing a good choice of foods. It was agreed that as the list is now taken down, that latecomers can just turn up. There are tasks needed to be done. Andy, Ian, Ken, Dave will get out the barbecue, and clean everything in readiness on Saturday 24th and put out tables and chairs. Andy will buy the meats and rolls. The men will erect the marquee and gazebo at 10 am on the day. Ann will send a reminder email to everyone. Ann will provide table coverings and bunting and leave them in the locked shop area in the shed for Diane to use. Diane to bring pegs to erect bunting. Everyone to be present early (an hour or more) before the 2 pm start. The grass had already been cut in readiness. It was agreed that Andy would speak to Amanda to invite two people as guests, from the Mayor's office.

Diary Dates:

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

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."

9. Any Other Business

Ian said that judging for the best plot would take place during the first week in July, at both Elizabeth Road and Lamperds' Field.

There was a discussion concerning the date of the next AGM. It was agreed that Amanda/Andy try to organize it for Friday 22nd September as this would appear to be the best date for everyone on the Committee.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th August at 7 pm in the store room.

11. Meeting closed at 8 pm

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