

**Blandford Allotment Society**  
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**Minutes of meeting held at the Lamperd's Field Potting Shed**  
**On Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7 pm**  
**Chaired by: Ian Ricketts**

*Present: Ian Ricketts – Chair, Barbara Marjoram – Seed Sec./Plot allocator, Virginia Barnard – Webmaster, Ann Edwards – Social Secretary, Phil Williams – Elizabeth Road, Ken Pearce – Plot Enforcer, Diane Mawer – Plot Allocator, Dave Buchan – Committee Member*  
*Apologies for absence- John Harding – Treasurer, Peter Brundish – Committee Member*

1. The Minutes of the meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

2. REPORTS

- (a) Report from Chairman – Ian Ricketts

The letter to the Council regarding possible permission for wooden sheds has been lodged with the Council. Ian will attend a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September, when a decision will be made. Action: Ian

A phone had been purchased by Virginia. She will organise the sim card. Action: Virginia

Regarding the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September, Ian now has the agenda and last year's minutes ready for printing off. He just needs now to have the Treasurer's report. Action: John/Ian

Ian said there needs to be a Work Party at Elizabeth Road to replace some 17 new posts. It was agreed that it will be on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9 am to 12 pm. Ann will email Elizabeth Road plot holders, asking for help. Action: Ann

Ian to erect a notice at Elizabeth Road, advertising the work party. He will also seek assistance for this, from plot holders, at the AGM. Action: Ian/Phil

The Chairman said that a similar Work Party weekend at Lamperds' Field will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. A notice will be erected and Ann will email plot holders nearer the time. Action: Ian/Ann

A delivery of manure is taking place at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The potato weigh-in starts at 10 a.m. The winner will receive a £5 token. Action: Ian  
Ian said that Lamperds Field Work Parties will now take place on a Wednesday morning each week, instead of the usual Tuesday.

- (b) Report from Treasurer – John Harding

Rents have now started to come in and around 30 plot-holders have now paid, 10 of which have used the internet bank transfer method. No bills have been paid since the last meeting. The next large bill is for Lamperds' Field water, which is due in October. The other ongoing issue is the mobile phone and I would confirm that I am happy to support the purchase of a pay as you go simple phone.

- (c) Report from Seed Secretary/Plot Allocator – Barbara Marjoram

Seed Secretary: The Kings Seed Catalogues are now available in the site hut, Lamperd's Field. There are clear instructions as to ordering and timelines attached to each order form. All orders must be submitted, in the Seed Secretary's box inside the site hut Lamperd's Field no later than Sunday 20 October 2019.

Plot Allocator: At present all plots on Elizabeth Road site are let. There is 1 person on the waiting list.

Lamperd's Fields - It is expected that there will be several quarter and half plots available at the end of September as people have advised us they will not be renewing. There may be more once the non-payers are identified at the end of October.

There is a waiting list, for Lamperd's Fields – some requiring ¼ and other ½ plots. All those on the waiting list have been contacted – 1 has not responded – they have been advised that I will be contacting them again in October with a view to meeting them and sorting them out a plot.

(d) Report from Plot Allocator – Diane Mawer

Nothing to report.

(e) Report from Plot Enforcer – Ken Pearce

Ken reported that there are some unsafe greenhouses. An inspection will be made at the next Lamperds Field work party.

Action: Ken/Work Party

(e) Report from Phil Williams, Elizabeth Road

Phil said that all is quiet. It was confirmed that the use of watering with hosepipes, ER work parties and dog dustbins will be put on the AGM agenda by the Chairman. Action: Ian

(f) Report from the Webmaster – Virginia Barnard

Ian will contact a carpenter to provide a box on the wall just inside the door to house the first aid kit organised by Virginia.

Action: Ian

The following two email addresses need to be activated.

Peter: [pbrundish@blandfordallotments.co.uk](mailto:pbrundish@blandfordallotments.co.uk)

Phil: [erplots@blandfordallotments.co.uk](mailto:erplots@blandfordallotments.co.uk)

Action: Virginia

Virginia is organising the sim card for the new mobile phone.

(g) Upkeep of allotments – Dave Buchan

Dave was continuing with his normal work of upkeep of the allotments. The sit on mower has been serviced.

(h) Report from Social Secretary – Ann Edwards

The next Coffee Morning and potato weigh-in is on **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (Note earlier time)**. **Weigh in starts at 10 a.m.** Plus Ian's raffle as usual.

Coffee Morning: October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – (Valerie Hodges – New girl on the plot in Wareham)

Coffee Morning: November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am – (Malcolm Fowler - Mead 3 - More Making and Tasting) plus Ian's raffle.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – Mulled wine, Christmas nibbles and Grand Christmas Raffle. We need raffle prizes please.

There was a discussion on eco-blocks. These can be made through the winter and used to build something to show to allotment holders as an example. This will be a good subject for a coffee morning in 2020.

(i) Report from Committee Member – Peter Brundish

No report

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please make sure the gate is locked at night.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2019 - 7 PM IN THE POTTING SHED.

5. The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

(Ann Edwards – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019)