

**The Somersham and District
Smallholding and Allotment Association Limited**
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Meeting title:
General Allotment
Business

Location:
Centurion Club,
Somersham

Date:
09 October 2018

Time:
1930 - 2030

Present:	Geoff Parish	Chairman	GP
	Mark Neal	Vice Chairman	MN
	Vicky Moseley	Secretary	VM
	Jane Underwood	Treasurer	JU
	Alan Underwood	Chapel Fields Project Manager	AU
	Roger Hinkins	Chapel Fields Plot Co-ordinator	RH
	Clive Phillips		CP
	Andy Bell		AB
	Iris Bell		IB
	Paul Edmondson		PE
	Dave Rodgeron		DR
	Richard Gregory	Guest of Committee	
Apologies:	Paul O'Hara	Pest Control	
	Peter Plumb	King Street Project Manager	

1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul O'Hara, Peter Plumb 	GP	
2.	Minutes from Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved by the Committee. 	All	
3.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Gregory (retiring plothead) addressed the committee. In recognition of the help he has received from the committee and other plotheaders in maintaining his plot he would like to sponsor nibbles for AGM and maybe a BBQ next summer. GP thanked him for his kind offer. • RG then explained his idea to the committee. He says that some polytunnels on the site are underused and could potentially be offered to plotheaders to grow seedlings etc. This would depend on the goodwill of the plothead and access agreements etc. RG also suggested that the association could set a plot aside for community use, perhaps for disabled people who may struggle to maintain a plot by themselves. The committee agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. • A visit to site was received from Steve Criswell and footpaths officer. GP put forward maps and his viewpoint, VM showed committee applications received from Roy Fabb to have the other sections of track adopted as public footpaths. It was agreed to wait and see the outcome of the council's investigations and the applications. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP mentioned that he had seen a couple of cars parked on the site roadway. He had left notes on them to say it was against allotment rules with his number on, the cars have not been seen since. 		
4.	<p>Allocation of Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS31 to be allocated to Louise Carpenter. Martin Jackson, Peggy Newport, Richard Gregory and Paul Friswell have all given up. <p>Dirty Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB has received reports of a rat infestation on Andy Ray's plots. Paul O'Hara is aware but he needs Andy Ray to pay for any bait that will be needed. AB said that the rats have killed another plotholders chickens. VM to send Andy Ray a letter about husbandry and we need to see that he is doing something about it, Andy will be liable for any bait costs incurred. MN will check the plot for bait boxes. KS 38 still needs clearing. 	GP	VM/MN
5.	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AU to get costs for large skip – there may be an opportunity to take waste direct to Chapsmith at Bluntisham – AU to investigate. Pumpheads to be ordered and stored, ready to be fitted in the Spring. AU to organise a work party on Chapel Fields to fit the gate posts at the bottom of the hill ready for gates. 	AU	AU
6.	<p>Site Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 		
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM is 7th November at Victory Hall. IB said that this will be her last committee meeting, the committee all wished her the best for the future. IB asked VM to remind members about seed orders – deadline is 1st November. Pumpkin stall – reminded all committee members about stall on 13th October, all donations of produce and time are welcome! Becky Minshall and Amanda Cottage have donated some pumpkins and squashes. GP asked relevant committee members to write their reports for AGM, extra meetings before AGM to be arranged as necessary. 		

Meeting Closed at: 8.30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th November – 7.30pm