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Meeting title:
General Allotment
Business
Location:
Centurion Club,
Somersham
Date:
08 January 2019
Time:
1930 - 2055

Present:	Vicky Moseley	Secretary	VM
	Clive Phillips		CP
	Andy Bell		AB
	Bob Peggs		BP
	Sabine Prideaux		SP
	Jim Daddy		JD
	Greg Wyss		GW
	Debbie Coope		DC

Apologies:

1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	VM	
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"> • Debbie Coope was proposed as a committee member by SP, seconded by GW and voted in unanimously. • Roger Hinkins and Peter Plumb stated that BP had the container keys, BP said he doesn't have them. VM passed a mystery key that had been put through her door to BP to try on the containers. • AB mentioned that there was a spare lock on the gate on Rectory Lane which could be removed and used elsewhere. AB to source new padlock for the gate – committee members will then hold the keys for access requirements. • BP offered to see if we can find out the tumbler number for lock and get more keys made up. • BP has enough spares to make two pumpheads so will refurbish the parts ready to fit in the spring. • AB mentioned that the flail mower is behind the container on CF14 , he will ask AU to see if he can store it in one of his sheds. • Roger Hinkins said that asset register and pump spares are in the container. • Issue of toilets removal to be added to the newsletter to let anyone inform us of objections to their removal. • AB spoke to Chris Mortlock after Chris approached him with concerns as he had been told that the committee wanted to get rid of his containers. AB assured CM that this was not the case, and VM forwarded CM the minutes to prove this. CM has since said to AB that he can see he was misled by previous committee members. CM thanked 	<p style="text-align: center;">BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VM</p>	

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	<p>the committee for the offer of posts and fencing materials but says he will make his own arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BP gave a summary of his findings from his review of the 2017 accounts. He says money is in the bank but Jane's accounting and gaps in figures made it hard for the accountant to put the correct figures in. BP agreed to write a summary for the newsletter to inform the members, and BP will send VM a copy of the spreadsheet that was used in the past. 	BP	
4.	<p>Allocation of Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS22a Chris Eyre is now on and making a start on clearing it. Beni Giglio has taken plots CF5 and 6 and has made a great start clearing the rubbish. He found 12 dead chickens during clearance – potentially an issue for the RSPCA. Previous committee failed to tackle Andy Ray and this is the result of that. It was agreed that we would add a note to the newsletter about this and that animal cruelty will not be tolerated. <p>Dirty Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB reported that Paul O'Hara's plots are messy, with pallets stacked at the front. AB to speak to him when he next sees him. KS21a – Lynne Burrows – is being given 3 weeks to clear the sheds etc from the plot. CF39 – Saggars – to receive intention letter regarding state of plot. Harradine also to receive letter asking his intentions. 	<p>VM</p> <p>VM</p> <p>AB</p> <p>VM</p> <p>VM</p>	
5.	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC asked that the committee consider not trimming hedges during bird nesting season. Steve Cooper has a friend who can clear the waste wire, BP suggested we take up the offer on the proviso that it is at no cost to the association and the waste is disposed of responsibly. Steve also mentioned possibility of putting postcrete in the holes in the roadway. AB mentioned that there is enough stone by his plot to fill a few holes. We should keep some holes as they work as a speeding deterrant. It was agreed to meet at the King Street gate at 9.30am on Sunday 13th January for a work party to fill some holes. 	All	
6.	<p>Site Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB raised the issue of ongoing problems with hare coursers. Apparently up to 8 vehicles have been spotted at any one time. They are accessing the fields next to the West Newlands Industrial Estate, John Waters has blocked the entrance with some machinery but they are still gaining access somehow. AB suggested fencing the boundary along the field and Chapel Field Lane, this will 	AB	

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	need to be discussed with John Waters as he is a good neighbour to the site. AB will ask Alan Underwood for John's contact details.		
7.	A.O.B. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None		

Meeting Closed at: 8.55pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th February 2019 – 7.30pm