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Meeting title:
General Allotment
Business

Location:
Centurion Club,
Somersham

Date:
12 February 2019

Time:
1930 - 2130

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

1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Wyss (GW), Jim Daddy (JD) 	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"> Mary Brighton attended the meeting, she stated that she was voted on to the committee at AGM and that she wanted to know why she hadn't been invited to previous meetings. VM explained to MB that she had not been proposed, seconded or voted in at AGM – the other members present who had been at AGM agreed with this and subsequent examination of the AGM minutes shows this to be correct. MB was adamant she remembered standing and being voted in. It was decided that the committee would have a vote now. MB was proposed and seconded, before the vote took place AB said he had some concerns because committee members have a duty to set an example to other plot holders and MB has often been spoken to about her dog not being on a lead. AB said if she would guarantee her dog would be on the lead to abide by the site rules then he had no issues. CP and BP supported AB, but MB did not like being challenged and left the room and did not return. DC said she was disappointed by the result. BP stated that we needed to be seen to set an example for other plot holders. BP told the committee that the mystery key did fit the container. BP and SP cleared it out of mouldy squashes and noted that there were some bags of compost left and 	BP	

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	<p>bits for the pumps. CF container still to be checked, but BP will do this soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB said he had looked into new padlocks and four decent locks would be approx. £100. It was agreed to order these as soon as we have bank access. • VM mentioned the ID issues with Barclays that had held up the process of changing the banking mandate. Hopefully, this will be resolved soon. • AB mentioned that the gates are rarely closed and locked, this will be mentioned again in the next newsletter. • Only one objection to removing the toilets was received. It was agreed to keep the KS toilet and put a sign in it stating that people use it at their own risk, and maybe get rid of the CF toilet as it is never used. 		
4.	<p>Allocation of Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Baldock is now on plot KS26B • George Allan has been offered plot KS14B • Sara Anker plot transfer has been actioned, and Andrew DiRita now has plot KS9c. <p>Dirty Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS21a – plotholder was disappointed when they received the termination notice but committee stood by their initial decision. DC argued for the plotholder saying we had offered to help people who needed it, VM then explained to DC the history of dirty plot letters that had been sent in regard of this plot and it was decided that due to the history of poor husbandry the termination would stand. • CF39 – AB said that they had cleared some of the rubbish, VM to diarise to look at it again in 3 months. • Harradine plots – Committee agreed to give him another 3 months to clear the plots. • AB spoke to Paul O’Hara, PO is having some health problems that are preventing him from doing much. AB said to PO that we would pay his invoice if he could provide us with the list of what he used and when. DC and SP asked where the bait boxes were, VM said there are currently no committee maintained boxes on site. DC reported some historic secondary poisoning of her chickens where they had eaten mice that had been poisoned. 	VM	
5.	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VM mentioned GW’s email about AU approaching Beni Giglio. AU allegedly told Mr Giglio that he did the ploughing on CF as it was “his job” and told BG that he should not be using third parties for this work. AU is not employed by the association and is not automatically entitled to any work, whatever arrangements he makes with plotholders is between them and plotholders can give work to whomever they choose. This situation will need to be monitored. VM will e-mail Beni to make sure all is ok. 	VM	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew DiRita has asked if his plot boundaries for KS8 and KS9C can be marked – BP said he would do this. The recent work party to fill some holes was well attended and good feedback was received – well done all! BP gave an update on the community hub. Peter Plumb needs to be contacted to ask if his shed is attached and if he wants to be present for the move. There is potential for cubs and scout groups to use it as a community garden (KS1). VM to invite Katie Ixer to a meeting to talk through how we can help the timebank. BP said he will need a laser level for the blocks for the container, perhaps Beni Giglio may have one? Next working party will be 23rd/24th February to put the blocks in place. 	BP VM VM VM/BP	
6.	<p>Site Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB has not managed to make contact with John Waters yet about putting fencing and a gate in at the bottom of Chapel Fields, AB and BP to roll on to next meeting. 	AB/BP	
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VM mentioned that we had received lovely feedback to the latest newsletter, people are happy with the direction and management of the new committee and said it feels more settled. Carnival - Committee agreed to book a stall as usual, we will need extra hands in the build-up and on the day as VM and Iris are unavailable. BP will make two hanging baskets to be raffled off. VM to ask members to grow extra produce that can be sold and will put a note in the next newsletter. VM said that the new website will cost £8 this year and £30 next year, thanks are to be passed to Andy Notman for all his help. VM to ask Andy Notman for help in setting up a generic allotment e-mail address so she doesn't have to use her personal account for site business. VM said she has booked the pumpkin stall for 19th October – we booked it early to get our preferred date. BP asked committee if we wanted to continue with buying/selling compost. All were in agreement so BP will look at prices. VM will look at some logo ideas to help with promotional items such as bags etc... 	VM VM BP VM	

Meeting Closed at: 9.30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2019 – 7.30pm