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Meeting title:
General Allotment
Business

Location:
Centurion Club,
Somersham

Date:
12 March 2019

Time:
1930 - 2050

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

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"> • VM said that the bank account is now in our control, authorised signatories are Andy Bell, Bob Peggs and Vicky Moseley – we can add more if needed in future but for now we can pay subscriptions and insurance etc. • Quote received from Leesa Bolton for cleaning one toilet 5 times a year. It was suggested to move the KS toilet to behind the new hub and have a padlock on it so only ploholders can use it. Leesa also mentioned that she is happy to maintain it and keep cleaning equipment in the hub. CF toilet is to go – no objections were received from CF ploholders. • BP thanked JD and GW for assisting with the container move. It needs a good clean to remove peeling paint and will need lowering a bit. There is the potential to cut a window in future and add a porch area in front. GW will ask Ben Giglio if we could borrow his petrol stripper, or BP has a karcher that might work. • Compost is being delivered tomorrow (13th March), BP, GW, SP and Steve Cooper will help offload. Discussion was had on how much to charge, £4 a bag was decided on, this gives the association a smaller profit but is better for members. SP has container key, we may have to have set hours for the container to allow people to purchase compost. 	BP/GW	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB can run his rotavator over the plot near the container, there is the possibility of John Cornell taking it on if it is fenced off. 		
4.	<p>Allocation of Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Wallace now on KS21a. Only 5 plots free, utilisation is high. No new applications received this month. <p>Dirty Plots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GW mentioned that we could use rubble etc from KS 38 to fill in under the hub, or use as hard standing out the front. 	VM	
5.	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CP mentioned 5 loose posts on KS footpath need replacing – this can be done at next working party. Alan Draper mentioned broken padlock. AB has one we can use, BP has dropped a spare off at Pecks to see if they can work out the key number. If they can't help it will be sent back to Squire. AB said we need a sheet of Perspex or similar to cover the KS noticeboard as the posters had blown away in the current high winds. BP has refitted the pump head, GW said the CF pump could do with a new seal. Next working party set for Sunday 24th March 10.30am at the Hub. 	ALL AB AB BP/GW	
6.	<p>Site Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Underwood mentioned that someone had driven up Mary Ayres plots. He has also ordered signs for his electric fence. 		
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SP raised that AU had said the committee legally needed a chairman. VM concurred as we need a chairman to sign off accounts etc. It was agreed to have a vote and revote annually to let others have a go if they wish. Andy Bell was proposed by Greg Wyss, seconded by Clive Phillips and voted in by all except SP who abstained. VM to put note in next newsletter about committee members Carnival – Stall is booked, we will need extra hands in the build-up and on the day as VM and Iris Bell 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 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 still to look at some logo ideas to help with promotional items such as bags etc... VM to e-mail the committees mobile numbers to all members of committee. 	VM VM VM VM VM	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VM to arrange £60 cash for Bob to refund him for paying Dan Fabb to move container.	VM	
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Meeting Closed at: 8.50pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2019 – 7.30pm