The Somersham and District **Smallholding and Allotment Association Limited**

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Meeting title: General Allotment **Business**

Location: Centurion Club, Somersham

Date:

Time: 1930 - 2050

16 April 2019

Present: Vicky Moseley Secretary/Treasurer VM Andy Bell Chairman ΑB Clive Phillips СР ВР **Bob Peggs** Sabine Prideaux SP Debbie Coope DC Greg Wyss GW Jim Daddy JD

Apologies:

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1.	Apologies • None	VM	
2.	Minutes from Previous Meeting • Minutes approved by the Committee.	All	
3.	 Matters Arising Locks - Current padlocks are no longer supported and we cannot buy spares. CP mentioned combination locks and brought in some research he had done. AB said that there are more parts that can go wrong, there are also problems with seeing them in the dark and older members may struggle to turn the combination. The possibility of retaining all refunds until key is returned was mooted again, it was agreed that we would do this in future. AB will send GW the spec for the titalium locks he found on padlocks.co.uk so GW can get a quote from City Locks in Peterborough. AB's quote was £20 a lock and £3.70 a key. GW spoke to Ben Giglio about his pressure washer - it needs mains water to work properly. GW suggested trying paint scrapers as the paint is already peeling - we will give this a go at next work party. BP said it would cost approx. £100 for fence panels, gravel boards and posts to screen off the toilet behind the container. It was agreed to hold fire on this for a little while. VM to offer Chris Mortlock the spare toilet for £50, we will 	AB	
	keep the best quality one for KS – BP to get Leesa Bolton's opinion on which one to keep	DP/VM	

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4.	 Allocation of Plots Only 5 plots free, utilisation is high. No new applications received this month, but we have had 3 enquiries – as soon as we have their forms we can show them the vacant plots . John Cornell does not want to take on the rest of the container plot, Iris Bell has offered to plant it up with pumpkins which can then be sold on the allotment stall in October. GW said he has some membrane we can use. 	VM AB/BP			
	 Dirty Plots 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. AB spoke to plot CF39, they have plans for the wood they have put there – we will review next month. 				
5.	 CP mentioned 5 loose posts on KS footpath need replacing this can be done at next working party. AB asked whether there was any weedkiller in the container, BP said there wasn't but will ask Anna Rea where she bought hers from. AB mowed the footpath. Next working party set for Sunday 5th May 10.30am at the Hub – back pack sprayers, bramble cutting etc. 	ALL			
6.	 Site Security Alan Underwood has asked AB to put gate at bottom of CF lane. AB will call John Waters about fencing the border line at the bottom of Chapel Fields, to improve security. VM to try and find out who owns the trackways. As association have maintained trackway for many years can we claim possession? What sort of costs would be involved in this. AB spoke to plotholder about out of control dogs, told her they need to be on a lead or fenced in. She complained that her plot wasn't fenced off – AB explained that she would need to do it herself at her own expense as everyone else has to do. 				
7.	 A.O.B. SP said that next year is the allotment centenary and it would be nice to do something. We are unsure of exact date association came into being – deeds of land are from 1921 but association pre-dates this. VM to add to next newsletter VM to e-mail AB expenses form Meeting for community hub is Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in Rose and Crown SP gave VM £20 for her compost, BP gave VM £50 for his compost. Items for newsletter – parking on maintenance strips 				

Meeting Closed at: 8.50pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 May 2019 - 7.30pm