

**The Somersham and District  
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**Meeting title:**  
General Allotment  
Business

**Location:**  
Centurion Club,  
Somersham

**Date:**  
11 June 2019

**Time:**  
1930 - 2130

Present:	Vicky Moseley	Secretary/Treasurer	VM
	Andy Bell	Chairman	AB
	Clive Phillips		CP
	Bob Peggs		BP
	Debbie Coope		DC
	Jim Daddy		JD

Apologies: Greg Wyss  
Sabine Prideaux

1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greg Wyss, Sabine Prideaux</li> </ul>	VM	
2.	Minutes from Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved by the Committee.</li> </ul>	All	
3.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locks – discussed at length. Vote was taken and all agreed to order from City Locks as they were local and most competitive. VM to place order as soon as possible</li> <li>AU’s bird scarer discussed. DC mentioned it is too loud and too frequent, other ploholders have also complained. AB to mention the complaints to AU and ask him to tone them down.</li> <li>Potential to move CF container to behind KS container to keep both together and put both containers on sleepers to increase stability.</li> </ul>	VM  AB	
4.	Allocation of Plots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS63 let to Neil McIntosh</li> </ul> Dirty Plots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS2b is overgrown and looking messy, no progress made – AB spoke to ploholder and he is going to strim it and tidy. CP mentioned his daughter is interested in a plot and may take it on if ploholder gives up.</li> <li>Ploholders dog was seen messing on the path, ploholder then kicked the mess into a hedge rather than pick it up. This is a repeat offender, CP or DC to speak to member</li> <li>KS16 big plot needs clearing up</li> </ul>	VM  CP/DC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS10c – plot has been cut twice by BP. Plot needs spraying and cutting again. VM to e-mail plotholder.</li> <li>• CF77 &amp; 78 need clearing – Vm to e-mail plotholders for intentions</li> </ul>	VM	
5.	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asbestos was discussed. AB noticed that pile has grown significantly and if it is cleared then CF14 can be put back into use. Quote received from Cambridge asbestos for approx. £2825 + VAT depending on weight of asbestos removed. AB had also spoken to Mick George, their asbestos skip is cheaper but we would have to load it ourselves and buy all PPE, also the danger that one skip may not be enough. Vote was taken and all agreed to go with Cambridge Asbestos for safety reasons. It was agreed that the committee didn't want to be in a situation where Environment Agency became involved and we could be liable for their costs plus fines.</li> <li>• It was agreed that VM would draft note to members re Asbestos stating it is an offence to dump it and if it is found to be a plotholder they would receive the bill for clearance.</li> <li>• Anna Rea has offered to do some spraying for the committee on the basis we reimburse her for materials used.</li> <li>• BP has partly sprayed KS38 again.</li> <li>• AB's ride on mower is taking all the wear and tear – potential to purchase on for association use?</li> <li>• BP suggested creating a plan to show areas that need regular maintenance and put this work out to tender to members or external contractors.</li> </ul>	VM	
6.	<p>Site Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have received reports of concerns about speeding drivers on the site, VM to contact offender.</li> <li>• Padlocks agreed and will be sorted. There will be no husbandry refunds until keys are returned.</li> </ul>	VM	
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnival is 15<sup>th</sup> June – JD, AB and CP available to set up, DC is available to take down in the evening. Agreed it was not an attempt to raise funds but to keep awareness up in the village. VM to print up posters, applications and tariff sheets.</li> <li>• VM to look into grants for planting orchards – English Orchard Association</li> </ul>		

Meeting Closed at: 9.30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 09 July 2019 – 7.30pm