

Gertie Gale's Allotments Committee

Meeting Minutes, 10th March 2015

Those Present:

Andy Luton	- Chairman
Lesley Cotterill	- Treasurer
Jo Marshall	- Secretary
Gillian Lee –Jones	- Site Liaison Officer
Phil Wilson	- IT Guru
Bob Shepherd	- Plotholder
John Cotterill	- Plotholder
John Sullivan	- Plotholder
Gerry Thompson	- Plotholder

Absent, with apologies:

Mervyn Dawkins - Site Liaison Support

Review of Last Minutes

Chairman and Treasurer agreed that the last Minutes were accurate and were sign off.

Site Rent

As agreed the charges for next year will be Full Plot at £30 and Half Plot at £15.

Water Connections

The quotes gained by Andy Luton last year for the putting in 4 extra taps in were now out of date but were for approx £500. It was discussed that perhaps only 2 were required.

The Committee agreed to ask the plotholders at the AGM in March to see if there was someone amongst them who could give advice/assist in the laying of pipes/hiring of digger, sourcing of materials etc.

Finances

No changes to the Finances since last meeting.

It was agreed that Plotolders could pay for their rent for 2015/2016 at the AGM.

ACTION: Lesley to invoice Plotolders before AGM and to have a cash receipt book at AGM

Plot Allocation

A great effort from Gillian Lee-Jones has resulted in there only being 4 x full plots and 3 x half plots remaining vacant.

Plot 6C was discussed and It was agreed that Mike Scrivvens would be told that Plot 6C was vacant but that he could apply for a plot, including that one, if he wanted to. Lesley would send him an email advising him and a copy would be put in the notice board and on the plot.

A list of vacant plots has been put on the noticeboard together with the map of plots so members and prospective plotholders can see which are available.

John Sullivan suggested asking Lori Rowsell if she would put a footnote in her regular article in monthly magazine 'Gordano Life' saying that allotments were available at Gertie Gales.

Leslie also suggested that we put an advert in the free paper via the Town Council together with North Weston Allotments re vacant plots.

ACTION: Lesley to liaise with Lori and North Somerset Times

Hedgerow Maintenance

Lesley contacted Town Council re: hedgerow maintenance and has been told that the man who was going to cut the hedgerows was no longer able to do so.

Again it was suggested to ask at the March AGM if any plotholder was interested in bidding for the task to be done in the Autumn. Or, alternatively, this maintenance could take place at the Autumn clear-up.

It was discussed that although it was ok for plot holders to clear some of the hedgerows themselves, this should be done with due diligence especially regarding wildlife ie birds who may be nesting at this time of year.

Any Other Business

Bob Shepherd has a source of old spare windows which could be used as cold frames – more information will be given at AGM.

AGM date set for 31st March 2015 at North Weston Hall 8pm.

ACTION: Notice to be put on noticeboard and Agenda to be sent out