

AFTA

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 10am on Saturday July 8th
2017

at Isobel's
Lee Brook,
Wood Lane,
Sutton Weaver,
WA7 3EN

Present:

Ken Spencer (chair)
Will Moran (sec)
Isobel Ridley (treasurer)
John Davies (maintenance sec)
Robert Yardley
Angela Heverin
Kathryn Pill

1. Apologies: Tatjana Yardley, Keith & Tracy Mason.

2. Minutes of Meeting March 18th 2017 Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- Raised Beds. It was agreed that John would get a ton of top soil from Gleaves at approx £30. Will would speak to Councillor Liam Jones about whether the the Youth club at the Community Association might be interested in a plot. Will to contact care homes locally to see if they might be interested in one.
- Website. Will has had 3 meetings with Warren the designer and we have the new domain and the format. At the last meeting we agreed a simplified order for the drop down pages prioritising plot information and contacts. Will to write a shorter history and have that as an 'about us' type page after the business stuff about the site. Hopefully ready before I go on holiday at the end of July.
- Security. Further problems with the gate being left open and the key barrel unscrambled. This led to a discussion about the old welcome pack. Isobel suggested we have a single sheet of A4 with key information about the gate, composting and site information for new starters.
- Maintenance. The new mower is a success and Dave has been cutting it regularly, but we need to share the task a bit more so Dave to be asked to give others lessons in using it. We need to do a bit on preparing the the last plot in Row D as 4 people have enquired about plots.

(Since the meeting a half plot has become available and a whole plot will become available in October). We had a discussion about starting a new row and the conclusion was that once Josh has done his silage cut we should mark it out. We also need to think about enlarging the car park. Will to speak to owners about that and the broken corner post in the field below.

- Compost. Agreed a work party to cover the other heap and John to look into hiring a skip for a weekend to clear the other rubbish.
- Compost Toilet survey. Will is about half way through with the toilet survey, and the overwhelming majority are saying yes. This would be with a view to bidding for a wind farm community fund grant to help fund it. It was suggested that we look at the alternative of investigating the cost of hiring a portaloos.

4. Finance. The rent percentage has been transferred to the main account which has a balance of £2749.24. The rent account has a balance of £91.92 now that the owners have been paid. Rent account statement was one of the attachments with the agenda.

5. Vacant plots. Dealt with in matters arising.

6. Open day in National Allotment Week. After discussion, we agreed to go for an Open day on Saturday 19th August between 10.30 & 4pm. Kathryn would do a poster and there would be a planning meeting open to all on Saturday 5th August at 11am.

7. AoB.

- There are some small square paving slabs available to collect from Aston Lane contact via Isobel.
- We are having another 'Grow it and Show it' show in the Community centre on Saturday 9th September in the Community Centre starting at 1pm. Entry forms from Dandelion Gifts, The Community Centre, and Gleaves. Suggested we have an AFTA stand which will need a bit of co-ordination.

8. Date of Next Meeting Saturday 9th September at 10am at either Isobel's or Ivy Cottage, Venue to be confirmed.

Action Summary:

- Raised Beds - top soil and paint second bed with paint from shed
John

- Cones for John for the compost heap. Isobel may be able to get some.
- National Allotment week Open Day poster Kathryn and planning meeting etc everyone.
- Website - Will
- Induction sheet - Will
- Liaison with owners about Car park, composting Toilet survey, plot extension on site, and field boundary and additional water points - Will
- Compost cover - John at maintenance morning

Will Moran
10/7/17