

# Court Oak Road and Tennial Lane Allotments Association

Honorary President Alan Harbour

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 7:30pm at Quinborne Community Centre

### Attendance

John Bland COR, Roger Cobley COR, John McQuay COR, (Treasurer), Andrew Large COR/TL, (Secretary), John McCarthy COR, Glenys Nicklin TL, Marian Stanley COR

### 1. Apologies

Ian Wilson Chairman COR, Dave Watkins TL, Jo Stubbs COR

*(In the absence of the Chairman, Andrew Large took the Chair)*

### 2. Acceptance of Minutes 7/2/2012

Proposed: Andrew Large, Seconded: Glenys Nicklin

### 3. Matters Arising

Disappointing attendance at the AGM. Maybe it was at the wrong time of the year coinciding with the Easter holidays.

We need to invite applications for committee members. The more representatives from the two sites the better for all. Definitely need more people from Tennial Lane, also a site secretary needed for Tennial Lane. Andrew Large to do a notice at Tennial Lane to encourage holders to take part.

### 4. Officers Reports

#### (i) Chairman

*(Andrew Large reported for Ian Wilson)*

Volunteers desperately needed for the Shop on a Sunday morning.

It gets very busy this time of the year and two people are needed to deal with the customers.

The plot next to the sheds at COR gets very waterlogged and always floods over the roadway so drainage is needed, it was suggested that raised beds be made and a gravel trench created for drainage.

#### (ii) Treasurer

*(See attached sheet outlining accounts to date)*

We have sold the first stock of water butts and will place another order for sale to plot holders and for the Toilet Blocks at both sites and the Sheds at COR.

Singletons who supply most of our stock tells us that the plastic membrane weed control fabric has become very expensive. We do have the fabric weed control available that can be used double thickness and is much cheaper to buy.

29% of Association members are Associate members (non plot holders); so another mail shot would be good to do.

### **(iii) Secretary**

Andrew thanked John Bland for his excellent work on the site and especially for renewing and replacing the manhole cover by the toilet block that had become unsafe. Adrian Stagg (Council Allotment Manager) has been informed and is pleased that we have dealt with this matter.

Mohammed Riaz (Council Allotment Liaison) is visiting the sites on the 10th July 11:45 am

Letters of concern have been sent to plot holders who are not working their plots. One holder at TL and several at COR.

One holder is in dispute with the committee and will be asked to reduce the size of his holding. It was proposed that the Committee had a vote on evicting the holder from one of his sites. This was carried unanimously.

## **5. Feedback from Plot Holders**

### **(i) Court Oak Road**

Fence panel belonging to a neighbouring house at COR has fallen down and needs replacing. The owner will be informed and asked to repair or replace it. A skip load of rubbish has accumulated and committee members were asked to help clear and load it onto a skip. Andrew will organise this.

### **(ii) Tennial Lane**

Some plots are waterlogged with all the recent rain and have become difficult to cultivate.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Resources: It was recommended that we purchase a suitable strimmer to keep the weeds down and help keep plots in good condition. New and current holders will find it easier to cultivate without long grass and dock to dig through. Also the purchase of a wheeler mower/cutter was discussed. John McQuay would research the costs and equipment.

John Bland is in the process of writing an information sheet on the uses of fertilisers and other chemicals for our plots that are on sale in the shop. This will be a useful resource. Copies will be available and on the website, when completed.

## **7. Date, time and venue of the next Committee Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 7:30 pm at Quinborne Community Centre