

Court Oak Road and Tennial Lane Allotments Association
Honorary President Alan Harbour
Committee Meeting Tuesday 6th September 2011

Committee Members attending this Meeting

Ian Wilson, Roger Cobley, Mick Clayton, Dave Watkins, Alan Walsh, John Bland, John McQuay, Andrew Large, Glenys Nicklin, Pauline Webb, Marian Stanley

1. Apologies

May O'Brien
Erica Price
John McCarthy

2. Acceptance of Minutes 12/7/11

Accepted

3. Matters Arising

Asbestos at COR needs to be removed.

Add list of Committee members attending at each meeting to minutes.

Community Payback to be contacted in December to help with clean up. Andrew Large contacted Ken Brown (Councillor) to arrange free rubbish collection.

4. Officers' Reports

(i) Chairman's Report

Need to remove rubbish from the sites.

Ian has repaired damage to a bolt on the toilets at COR. John Bland has noticed a small leak as well - Mick Clayton volunteered to see if he could repair it. We need to locate the stop taps at both sites to prepare for turning off during the winter months. The manhole cover at COR has been cemented over so it needs a new plastic cover to allow access. Mohammed, council rep, has said he will write to Severn Trent. Mick will ask Tony where the stop tap is at Tennial Lane.

The shed will be open for one hour during the winter months, 11-12 on a Sunday morning. Ian to produce a list of dates and times.

Badgers or other large animals still causing damage at COR.

John McQuay proposed a small skip for the removal of rubbish from the communal areas at Tennial Lane. This might help to improve the relationship with the plot holders there.

Need to set a date for a working party to carry out this work.

(ii) Treasurers Report

Shop. Doing well, much of the old stock has been sold off.

No exceptional expenditure this year.

Need to give more information about the chemicals, fertilisers etc, so that customers know what they are for and how to use them effectively.

Rents are due in October. John McQuay will get the new Association Cards printed.

John Bland has been working on the garden for Alan's bench. The bench and pergola have already been purchased and John Bland needs materials to concrete them in.

(iii) Secretary's Report

Andrew has sent out letters of concern and most of these issues have been resolved with the plot holders concerned. Only two have been referred on to the Council. One outstanding issue may have to wait until March but Andrew will email the Council for clarification to enable this to be resolved earlier if possible. No further action will be required if the plot-holder does not pay his rent.

5. Birmingham City Council Management Agreement

Resolution 1. The Association adopts the Extended Agreement

The Extended Agreement gives more autonomy to Allotment Committees but gives more admin duties. Our Association has been carrying out these duties already, so it was proposed to accept this resolution; this was unanimously accepted. Our Association will benefit from the 8% Rent rebate.

We need to make a formal written request regarding site security, as this is a Council obligation. John Bland will draw a diagram for Andrew to send to the Council showing the problem with the fence.

Resolution 2. The Association will continue to be represented by the BDAC

This was accepted unanimously. Andrew to find out when their meetings are held.

6. Arrangement for the Collection of Rents for 2011

Andrew to email dates for the collection times and needs people to help on those dates. Plot holders can pay at the shop at COR and Andrew will organise a time for collection at Tennial Lane. Andrew will collate the information for the rent amounts for each plot.

7. Association Membership October 2011

Membership will be £2 per member from this year, as voted at the AGM. John McQuay will arrange for the cards to be printed. John McQuay requested that we keep a digital copy of the cards issued.

8. Feedback from Plot Holders

(i) Court Oak Road. Have had complaints about the damaged caused by badgers or other large animals otherwise all seems to be OK at the moment.

The strimmer needs maintenance, Ian will have a look at it. Questions were raised about buying a new one but that would be very costly. Hiring one would be cheaper.

Mick Clayton offered use of his machine if parts and fuel are replaced. Some health and safety issues need to be resolved here.

(ii) Tennial Lane. No comments from plot holders

9. A O B

None raised.

10. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2011, 7.30pm, Quinborne Community Centre