

Court Oak Road Allotments Association
Committee Meeting Monday 5th September 2016 7pm
at The Shed on Court Oak Road

Attendance

Ian Wilson Chairman, Andrew Large Secretary, John McQuay Treasurer, Geoff Garrish H&S Officer, Glenys Nicklin, Marian Stanley, Astrid Fiess

1) Apologies

Georgia Dunn

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising 25th July 2016

Minutes accepted and no Matters arising

3) Report on the Open day

The Open Day was very successful. It was well attended, the weather was good, people stayed and enjoyed the tea and cakes - the cafe sold out. The chairman congratulated all the committee for their hard work.

4) Officers' Reports

(i) Chair's report

The Open Day was very good so a big thank you to everyone.

A formal letter needs to be sent to one plot holder who is not working his plot. It is in a very untidy state littered with building materials. He has been contacted and has some personal problems which mean that he has not had the time to build his shed and work the plot. This has been going on for sometime so the Secretary will send him another reminder letter.

Several new plot holders have not worked their plots so we need to be a bit more vigilant perhaps requesting them to come along to the meetings to discuss their issues. Otherwise they could be evicted.

Spraying for mares tail and weeds is always an issue so it is good that the BCC parks manager, Peter Short, has offered to send workers to spray overgrown plots and John McQuay offered to organise a date for this as soon as possible while the growth is still active.

The next date for maintenance was discussed. It will be on Saturday 1st October 2016 - hedge cutting.

The man who brings the wood chipping's has been leaving them in inappropriate places and there is a lot of fir/pine and branches which are no good for the plots. Ian will ring and speak with him about this.

(ii) Treasurer's report

The Open Day was very successful, the shop is continuing to trade well. See attached report for full figures.

(iii) Secretary's report.

Four people have been evicted after the May site inspection.

The road way potholes have been reported to BCC. They issued a job number in July and we hoped the work would be done for the Open Day but nothing yet.

Andrew will persevere with them and hopes to get the work done soon.

(iv) Site and Safety report

Geoff reported no issues at the moment. The site inspections have shown an improvement and the site is cleaner and safer. For new tenants Geoff will compile an advisory leaflet of items not to bring on site. This is really important as glass is a major hazard.

5) Dates for Rent Collection

Rent are due on the 1st October. Rents can be paid on Sunday mornings during October at the shop between 11am and 12noon. The dates are, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October.

6) Feedback from Plot Holders

Very few complaints, mostly about the badgers who have relocated to the allotment from the Martineau site due to the housing works there. We can't do anything about them as they are protected by law.

7) Any Other Business

Geoff had contacted the charity Betel to get a quote for some landscaping work for the Lottery Grant. They came to discuss the work but have not sent the promised quote. It is a big problem finding people to give quotes. It was suggested that Geoff contact BCC Allotments Team who would have a list of approved contractors

8) Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2016, 7.30pm at the Quinborne Community Centre .