

Dorrington Road Allotment Association

A.G.M. 21.2.2012

Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome to all.
2. Rob Walters was thanked for all his hard work and effort whilst he was secretary of the committee.
3. Treasurers report given (copy of spreadsheet available on request)
 - a. Seed scheme update – catalogues not yet available
 - b. Once again prices of plots will not change.
 - c. Any plot not paid for by 27th April will be re-let
4. Ian Hartley gave an update on current thoughts regarding potential site purchases (if any). Everyone invited to suggest anything that they may feel is necessary for the site. Main requirement is that any purchase is for the benefit of all site holders and that plot holders should consider when making their suggestions, what, if any, ongoing requirements that purchase may require. For example, if we were to purchase toilets, who would clean them?
5. Update provided regarding plot vacancies
 - a. We have reduced the waiting list to zero and therefore it was agreed that the waiting list would be re-opened
 - b. It was agreed that inspection of plots would now take place in the first week of April, May, June, July and August. Should a plot 'fail' an inspection, then the plot holder would be given 4 weeks to rectify. The plot would then be inspected again at the end of those 4 weeks and if it was not worked appropriately, the plot holder would be asked to bring their plot into a proper worked state within the next 2 weeks. If they did not do this fully, then they will be given immediate notice to quit and will be expected to remove all their belongings from the plot within 2 weeks.
 - c. Any plot not worked by 18th May will be considered vacant whether paid for or not.
6. All plot holders asked to keep their contact details up to date
7. All committee members re-elected to the committee. Two plot holders (Catherine and Sean) showed an interest in becoming

- members of the committee and were invited to attend the next meeting.
8. All plot holders reminded of the need to try and maintain site security, especially keeping the gate locked and the code hidden.
 - a. Discussion held about the site boundary fence and whether we could install a new fence using allotment [funds](#). Association informed the association does not currently have funds to complete all of this work but it could be started for completion at some point in the future should there be a groundswell of opinion from current association members that this would be desirable.
 9. It was agreed that the association will be more mindful that people should be working their plots in their entirety as a number of plot have large portions under utilised and some plots have been in a poor state of affairs for some time. Therefore, the association will be stricter in enforcing the working of plots.
 - a. Working days will be advertised for the coming year by then end of March. Every plot holder will need to attend at least one working day or will need to complete a task on the anytime task list, which will also be advertised by the end of March. If plot holders have not done one or the other of these by the end of the [calendar](#) year, then they will be given notice to quit.
 - b. Plot holders with boundaries near hedges were reminded that maintaining the hedges on that boundary was their responsibility.
 10. Plot holders were thanked for their support with regard to bees on site. Approximately 35lbs of honey was produced this year

Chris Duxbury
Secretary