

Quarry Road Allotments Association

Minutes of Quarry Road Allotments Association meeting held on
Monday 5th April 2010 at the Allotment Cabin, 10:30am

Present:

Committee members; Unal Metti, Richard Carr, Helen Wright, Chris. Brown, John Chambers, John Gray

Plus several regular plot holders

Apologies for absence: Tim Place

1. **Cabin** **Key holders-** issuing of keys was discussed and a list of all key holders is to be displayed in the notice boards.
A record of present key holders is to be kept but this may alter, once any trading or use of cabin for storage, begins.
2. **Marking out of new plots** - space has now been cleared for approx. 7 new plots.
Unal suggested fencing the entire perimeter and a long debate took place, regarding the fencing issue in general, of new plots.
It was finally agreed that Unal would organise the marking out of the new plots and the apiary (bee keeping area) and use recycled wood and posts initially, at no cost to the association.
Once new plots are allocated then new plot holders will be made aware of suitable fencing and where/who to seek advice from regarding drainage.
3. **New plot holders** - Rents from the new plot holders were passed to the treasurer.
Unal reported that there was a waiting list of about 10 people. It was agreed to encourage more people to apply to go on the list due to the size of the allotment site.
Records and details of all plot holders are kept by the secretary.
4. **Boundary** - Harris fencing and extra tree whips and branches have been placed in vulnerable areas of the boundary.
Many thanks to all who helped last month with this.
Brambles are to be encouraged to grow and also some hawthorn whips are still available for planting.
If anyone does want to check on the existing hawthorn whips then new ones are available from Unal if replacements are needed.
5. **Fighting fund** - Chris. proposed that the allotment association contributed financially towards securing the allotments future, in relation to Saving Preston Park site.
£200 was agreed to help with costs of producing leaflets, car stickers etc.
Anyone with further fundraising ideas to help with funding the **Protect Preston Park** issue then please contact C. Brown

7. **Communal Compost area** – This to be sited near the boundary fence and C. Brown is to try and obtain some palettes which can be used to build a communal heap.

6. Meeting- **ALLOTMENT LAW AND HISTORY**- this to take place on

Monday 12th April 7pm Yarm Trinity Church, West Street, Yarm

Mr. Peter Monk, from Yarm, has kindly agreed to help us research the history of our site, how Quarry Rd. Allotment land came into being etc. This is an open meeting, to anyone who is interested, from the area.

8. **Protect Preston Park** – Unal gave an update on progress so far regarding this issue. Unal and Chris. Brown are on the steering committee to Save Preston Park.

Unal requested support from other plot holders to raise awareness.

Copies of a petition to be signed were handed round.

Anyone interested in offering support, in relation to this issue, then to contact Unal Metti directly.

9. **AOB** – A petty cash fund was requested by H. Wright (Sec.) and the Treasurer (Richard Carr) agreed to get cash if required as long as plenty of time was allowed. So there would be no need for separate petty cash.

The skip was paid for £176.25

Meeting closed 12:15

Next meeting – Sun. 9th May 2010

The Allotment Cabin, 10:30am

Any member is welcome to attend the meeting.