

Allotments Annual General Meeting - Mon 27th Jan 2014

Present :

John Willis, Terry Hayman, Frank Dodden, Debbie Delahunty, John Fursland, David Collard, Dianne Claydon, Daniel Sellick, Jeff Riddle, Mr & Mrs Langford, Stuart Hoult and Jody Dyer

- UPDATE 2013 (progress & development of site)
Two yrs of change – track / hedges improved, new fence & water troughs, allotment clearance during village ‘give-a-day’.

All allotments are let AND in use. Everyone present felt that there is, in general, good use of plots.

All are happy with new guidelines for allotment holders.

FEEDBACK – from those present :

Everyone happy !!! One call for signage within the village to direct people to allotments. After much discussion it was decided not to implement this.

- 2014.
- No plans for any major large scale spending projects.
- Track and gate at start of footpath. After much discussion it was agreed that it would be a good move to padlock gate with a combination lock. Combination to be given to all allotment holders, owners of Palmers field and owners of property beyond allotments. Gate to be opened by first person there and only locked by last person to leave. This proposal to be taken to the Parish Council.
- All present supported the proposal for an allotment holders ‘give-a-day’. This would be used to re-establish plot dividing paths, general tidying etc. A Saturday in early summer to be chosen and holders will be informed. The day will finish with an hour or two in the Cottage Inn.
- Notice Board. It is the PC’s intention to move the notice board halfway along Wembdon Hill (no longer in use) to the allotments for use of allotment holders.
- Bonfires. Tom and Neil to look into the idea of establishing an area that could be used for bonfires for all allotment holders.
- Rates/rents.
Rates for 2014 have been set at :
Full plot - £38
Half plot - £20
- Issues raised by allotment holders
 - a) Bees. There are hives on 2 allotments and all present were supportive of the benefits from having bees on site. There would be no problems if anyone else wanted to keep bees.
 - b) Fruit trees. There are a number of mature apple and plum trees dotted around the site. It was decided that the fruit from these trees ‘belongs’ to the holder of that allotment and not for anyone to pick.
 - c) Wild birds. One or two holders asked about bird feeders to encourage birds. However, decision made to NOT use feeders as this would encourage rats. Also, the site is a natural

rural area that is a haven for wild birds.

d) Sheds. Enquiry to erect shed – Mr Sellick. No problem for any allotment holder to erect shed on plot.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.