

Whiteshill & Ruscombe Allotment Association

AGM Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting 17/10/2012

Present: Kirsty Castle, Rob & Miranda, Sue, Moira Buckley, Rosie, Ian C, John Martin, Chris Owen, Tina

Apologies: Guy Ellis, Jonathon & Heather, Jenny, Stand & Di, Maggie

Next Meeting: TBC

The meeting was Quorate

1) Previous AGM Minutes

- a) Not reviewed as Ian forgot to bring them. A copy will be attached.

2) Association Annual review and Officer Election

- i) Sue Dance thanked the members of the Association for their excellent contribution to the 2nd successful year of the association. The allotments have been a great success; Well done to all members.
- ii) Sue Dance was unanimously re-elected Chair, no other candidates stood.
- iii) Moira Buckley was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, no other candidates stood.
- iv) Ian Cutler was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, no other candidates stood.

3) Treasures Report

- a) £112.58 of funds in bank.
- b) Association membership fees of £5 / half plot are now due to Moira. She will also be collecting the £3 membership fee for the South West Community Allotment Association that was paid for in August. Please can everyone pay Moira £8 as soon as possible.
- c) Also the Parish Clerk asked to remind everyone that the Parish dues (also £5) are payable if you haven't already done so.

4) Site Update

- a) A discussion on the use of Nematodes took place. It was estimated that it would cost in the region of £100 to apply to the whole site. (£19.95 / 100m² which is approx. 2 full plots). This was seen as quite expensive and it was agreed that we would wait until late winter to review options to see if a cold winter arrives and helps knock back the slug population.
- b) Working party dates were set for the Saturday the 18th (10:00) and Sunday 24th (14:00) November.
- c) We will plan a bring and share / social gathering on site after the meeting on the 24th.
- d) We would like to request permission for a small bonfire on site for the 24th to burn non-compostable material. – **Ian to contact Parish Clerk.**
- e) Use of Iron Based Organically Certified Slug Pellets – A discussion regarding the use of these slug pellets took place. A unanimous vote agreed that these should be allowed on site. **Ian to confirm with the Parish Clerk that this is in agreement with Part 1 of the tenancy agreement prior to any use on site.**
- f) It was noted that one specific site has not been tended well this year. The Secretary will contact the individual concerned.

5) General Notes

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- a) A draft dispute resolution policy was reviewed and discussed. This will be approved by the committee, shared with the association and added to the Allotment Articles as soon as possible.
- b) It was agreed that we would organise more wood chippings for the site in Spring to avoid damage during winter.
- c) Guy suggested that we look at hedgehogs for anti-slug measures. I had a quick look at the <http://www.helpahedgehog.org/> website. They do not “adopt” hedgehogs as they are wild animals and roam up to 2 miles a night. They also explain on the FAQs page that they are not great at slug killing.

Date of Next meeting:

Feb / March 2012 - TBC

Ian Cutler 18/10/2012