

Whiteshill & Ruscombe Allotment Association

AGM Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting 28/10/2014

Present: Moira Buckley, Ian C, Lila, Di, Stan, Miranda, Chris, Philip, Ingelin, Sue, John, Maggie B(part), Ian (Part)

Next Meeting: Nov 9th on site at 10am

The meeting was Quorate

1) Previous AGM Minutes

- a) Minutes for the 2013 AGM were approved.

2) Association Annual review and Officer Election

- i) 2014 proved to be another good year for the association and we would like to thank everyone who has helped out to keep the site running smoothly. We would also like to thank Julie Currie for her continued support.
- ii) Rob Harbron was unanimously re-elected as chairperson, no other candidates stood.
- iii) Moira Buckley was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, no other candidates stood.
- iv) Ian Cutler was unanimously re-elected Secretary, no other candidates stood.

3) Treasures Report

- a) At the time of the AGM we have £398 in the bank. This is down from last year as the association spent money on new weed membrane, paying of the SWCAA individual fees and some chippings.
- b) Association membership fees of £5 / half plot are now due to Moira.
- c) Individual membership of the South West Community Allotment Association has continued and all members should have received their membership certificate by email. Any issues please contact Ian Cutler. This provides all members with indemnity insurance.
- d) 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) The working party planned for Nov 9th will focus on the hedge maintenance, weeding and path clearance. With the mild weather it is not the right time to lay the hedges at present as the sap is still rising. We plan to do this in the winter meeting. See below for dates.
- b) Chris will work with sawmill to try to arrange for a delivery of chippings to the site but the date cannot be guaranteed. This may result in short notice working party to help spread the chippings. We can make sure everything is ready on the 9th Nov.
- c) We will look to source some "cheese" wood block to act as stools / bench ends for the site to improve "resting points".
- d) A further discussion took place on the idea of a small Gazebo like structure for the top of the site behind the hedge. Stan has sketched out an idea and Ian will take this forward with Julia and the Parish Council.
- e) There will be a Xmas get together at Stan and Di's on Saturday Dec 6th. Start time of about 20:0. This will be a bring and share get together.

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- f) Stan has volunteered to check the water pipe by the ford every 6 weeks or so next year to maintain the flow.
- g) We forward scheduled our site tidy up and get together dates for 2015 which are set out at the bottom. The idea is to have a once a month summer onsite get together for social events
- h) We are waiting for confirmation of the Edible Gardens day next year and have offered to take part.

5) General Notes

- a) Confirmation that Julia is happy to extend the lease for another 5 years has been received from the Parish Clerk.
- b) A request for a report on the first 5 years has also been received and this will be sent with the minutes.

Date of Next meetings:

Sun Nov 9th @ 10am – Site tidy up
Sat Jan 24th @ 10am – Winter site tidy up and hedge laying if ready
Sat Mar 14th @ 10am – Spring site tidy up
Sun June 14th @ 16:00 – Bring and Share get together
Fri July 17th @ 18:30 Bring and Share get together
Sat August 15th @ 16:00 Bring and Share get together
Sun Oct 11th @ 10am – Autumn site tidy up.

Ian Cutler 04/11/2014