

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 3rd February 2020

Attendees: Roland Brown (RB), Tasha Bennett (TB), Alan Evans (AE), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Nigel Davies (ND), Tony Ennis (TE), Alan Williams (AW), Vivien Webster (VW), David Fletcher (DF), Derek Mumford (DM), Chris Yapp (CY), Brian Brookes (BB)

Apologies: Carol Evans (CE), Sue Rudd (SR), John Rosser (JR).

Previous Minutes: All agreed

Chair: Nigel Davies (ND)

Reports:

Ash Avenue:

- Water Reading: Turned off
- Toilet vandalism submitted by internet on 11.01.2020
- Plots looking tidy some growing winter veg
- ND advised tree will be cut down next weekend of 8th February

College:

- Water Reading: Water off
- AE asked ref plans for bottom of site with DM & ND suggested treat it and turn into a plot but would be available for next year.
- AE asked for progress on top getting. ND and VS advised ongoing.
- AE raised about rubbish in concrete hut. ND advised would be sorted.
- AE will be changing the padlock / code.

Corporation:

- Water Reading: Water off
- Barrier has been put up to stop driving across grass as someone has driven across and caused big ruts.
- Padlock on the toilet.
- Plots tidy.
- Council cut the hedge along the top and have done a good job.

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Drybridge:

- Water Reading: Water off
- One empty plot.
- Waiting reply from Asda for pruning trees
- Combination given to Highways England for them to gain access to underpass.
- Combination will be changed on 1st March.
- Materials to be removed (shed roof), VS to notify Town Clerk.

Eign:

- Water Reading: Water off
- Quiet
- Plot holder wanted to know if need an 8x6 shed. This was agreed. Permission sought from Town Clerk for dilapidated Anderson Shelter to be taken down.

Holmer:

- Water Reading: Water off
- Very muddy in parts, resulting in vehicles getting stuck. Plot holders to park off site if parking areas are too muddy.
- Three plots let, new plot holders making a start.
- Soil mound to be removed.
- Plot holders making a start on spring preparations.
- Tree at the front of plot 5 to be cut down. ND will do weekend of 8th February.
- Hedges not cut, nor works around gateway that have been promised.

Rockfield:

- Water Reading: Water off (0580/96)
- New plot holders on 6 plots.
- 4 plots to let.
- Several plots are being monitored.
- A second opinion on another plot. MW will visit.

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Westfaling:

- Water Reading: Water off
- Hedges not done.
- DM remeasured a couple of plots which have been sorted now.
- One plot let and new plot holder has made a good start.
- Most are tidying up.
- Some bows on tree on plot 9 of Yew Tree which lady is concerned about.
- Materials need removing from by notice board at Westfaling Street, VS to talk with Town Clerk.

Wordsworth:

- Water Reading: Water off
- One plot to let.
- Materials on site which need removing. Being followed up by VS with Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will let VS know when the contractor is going to clear. VS has notified the plot holder that the council are dealing with this.
- MW met a lady at seed swap who has an allotment in Leominster and would like to view Hereford allotments. MW happy to make arrangements.

Information/ Updates from Committee Members

- AGM date now 10th March at 7pm at The Kindle Centre. TB to be sent updated list of all plot holders so she can email or post communications out to ensure appropriate notification.
- VS discussed with site reps those who had not paid their rents yet.
- DM steady month with enquiries and lettings.
- DM asked if people wanted the van in High Town in March. MW suggested maybe April or May when weather starts improving. DM will contact the City Council.
- ND apologised for any ongoing works at sites which have been promised but not done. It is work in progress, VS has been in contact with the Town Clerk.

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AOB

- ND, vacancy for lettings secretary. Alan Williams, proposed by MW, seconded by RB - all agreed.
- MW a plot holder will bring her walking group to Wordsworth where MW and PW will do a little talk.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 6th April @ 18:30 @ Asda Meeting Room

Note: There will be a short meeting immediately after the AGM on Tuesday 10th March @ The Kindle Centre for Site Reps so they can hand in their Site Rep reports and raise any immediate concerns / issues.