

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

Carol & David Marley

Issy Crocker

Ann Harding

Shaun Byrne

Mike Pope

Lesley Brown

Ann Tomlinson

Stephen Icke

Kendra Ulliyart

Geoff Malia

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Hardening cross paths will be actioned starting 6-7

Letting RW

No working party last year

Grass cutting cost increase again

No weed killer

Leaf mould bays cleared and cleaned of rubbish removed to tip

Defibrillator in process of being actioned

John concern re grass- hard core exacerbated flooding problems

MH mentioned new water main which is also acting as a drain was back filled with gravel.

Improve with land drain?

Floor: Are some being blamed for few inconsiderate burners? Some people ignore requests.

Houses also add to our complaints by burning themselves. Chapel live in June. MH personal view future blanket ban. Daytime ban?

3. Chairman's report

Thanks for coming

Community ethos

Tranquillity in unprecedented times

Storm Damage Ken and Kev to repair greenhouse

Thanks for effort of the Committee

Successful Apple day Thanks to Ken, Gill and Ed

Acts of kindness

Neglected plots, notification to improve, we don't respond beyond that

We have seen improvements as a result

Mitigating circumstances - confidentiality for ill health don't reveal

If you feel the committee isn't doing enough join the committee and work on it

Cut brambles in the farmers field - fence gone up 8' high and shrubs planted

Water main over ran, repairs done eventually and better than before, helpfully repaired gate 1 as a favour.

Cabin investigating.

Please submit your newsletter articles/photos

4. Treasurer's report

Not spent all money

Main expense water - reminder please don't leave sprinklers on

5. Secretary's report

Thank you for your patience as I've took over this role

Some improvements in communication

Including newsletter revival and some website updates

Privacy policy drawn up and circulated to comply with GDPR

Welcome Packs edited and published

Seed swap instigated, thank you for your support

Year ahead

Plot held back for Ukraine Refugees, Majority voted in agreement

further developing website and continue with newsletter I'd love to have your help don't all jump at once

I'm aiming to continue to be a conduit between the committee and our plotters.

6. Lettings Officer report

2 plots vacant

By tomorrow may be all let

96 on waiting list

Majority agreed to retain plot for Ukraine Refugees

Raised beds - CB cleaned out, will refill and re-let possibly the care home will be involved

Floor: Have we offered raised beds to 96 waiting? Discuss at meeting

140 plotters to keep happy apologies if upset anyone

Colin expressed gratitude to committee for hard work

7. Election of Officers: Chairman ;Treasurer; Secretary; Committee

Gregg step down for health reasons HUGE thanks for all your hard work

Please see me afterwards if want to join

Committee voted in on block Ken Haigh proposed and majority seconded

8. AOB

Dummy camera suggested with signs? MH agreed to put signs up as low cost deterrent.

Latest break in police replied after a week (nothing taken), suggested wildlife camera, need to determine where to put them and who would update them. Would they get pinched? Time between downloads? Cheaper versions lower storage

Cemetery had a concrete breaker stolen. HGA nothing taken in last 18 months.

Investigate Sparta surveillance prices

Woodchips at top, add space at bottom convert one leaf mould to woodchip?

Speed limit and parking restrictions- vigilance children and only park for loading VH add to newsletter

Issy Seeds Loo volunteers email or contact VH

Asked for report on cemetery no reply in 1 week, plots assigned to burial ground water no notice of our removal and would have to find us alternative premises.

They are going to put a car park in near chapel

Ken thanks for committee over hard work been a hard few years

Kev notice improvement on some plots, some long period not cultivated, not saying need to be as tough as Carmel Gardens... MH get responses, if you don't think we're doing it right join our committee.

Ian told of the gulag at other plot, appreciates more relaxed attitude please don't change.

Won't be perfect we try to as flexible as we can to be a friendly organisation, empathise with some in poor state. Got to trust the committee are doing our best, we won't be breaking confidences as it breaks GDPR.

David Noddings and Malcom Harding are putting in 1 year notice of their roles.

Sky high costs 185.60 council plot... if we don't get volunteers!!

Thanks to John Howlet for organising potatoes

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