



Stanwick Allotment Society
Meeting 23 – 7pm Tuesday 17th July 2018
Community Area: Stanwick Allotments

Attended:

Dave Cox (chair), Hilary Merricks (secretary), Kathy Walmsley, John Chatley (treasurer), Julie Paterson

Apologies: None

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting

- **Agreed by email 10/05/2018**

2. Standing items

2.1. Finance

- Current balance = 621.42. (of which £144 is from this year's membership fees)

2.2. Membership (inc membership of National)

- It was agreed that the Allotment Society will not rejoin National, as it does not really offer value for money
- UPDATE: a further tenant has now rejoined.

2.3. Parish council

- The Parish Council seem to be divided on how the allotments should be run. If a case for mandatory membership of the Allotment Society was presented to the PC, they can then officially make a decision. As part of this, the allotment manager could be asked to provide a short update on allotment matters discussed and/or resolved to each committee meeting. The Parish Council should be asked to provide their long-term vision for the allotments and how they plan to achieve this. This document would include a detailed break-down of the costs of running the allotments to make information about income and expenditure more transparent.
- ACTION: Dave Cox will put together a short paper, and the parish clerk has been asked if this can go to the Parish Council meeting on 20th September
- The Allotment Committee has emailed the Parish Clerk in support of their early proposal for CCTV following recent incidents on the parish fields, the allotments and other parts of the village

3. Other matters

3.1. Allotment security

Following the incident on the allotment site (06/07/2018) when four chickens were killed and a shed burnt to the ground, it was agreed:

- The plot holder who removed the debris will be paid for dumping the rubbish from Allotment Society funds
- The plot holder who arrived early and was able to contain the fire somewhat will given a case of beer (from Allotment Society funds) as a thank you for the brave attempt to extinguish the flames and stop it spreading further
- The Allotment Committee support the Parish Council's proposal for CCTV in principle following recent incidents on the parish fields, the allotments and other parts of the village (emailed the Parish Clerk 17/07/2018)

UPDATE 22/07/2018: the police have informed us that there are no further lines of enquiry that they can conduct to further the investigation and letters have been sent to the victims as such to explain this.

3.2. **Food basket 2018** - this will start on the weekend of 28th / 29th July

3.3. **Pocket Park Time capsule** - the size of the item to be contributed should be no bigger in volume than a 500g bag of sugar. We need to give them an idea of what the allotments would like to put together. They will be collecting the items towards the end of September and will let us know when they plan to bury the time capsule. We will ask if a laminated page of photos will be acceptable

4. Any other business

4.1. AGM 2018

Date agreed as Tuesday 25th September (7.30) Room at Stanwick Club has now been booked

5. Date of next meeting:

- 25th September, after the AGM

Minutes agreed via email 24th July 2018