

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 17th June 2024

Attendees: Malcolm Watkin (MW), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Roy Matthews (RM), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Jo Sims (JS), Chris Yapp (CY), Jan Poole (JP), Mark Robinson (MR).

Apologies: Annie Jones (AJ), Val Simms (VS), Mick Paine (MP), John Rosser (JR).

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK.

Matters arising: None

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: Update from PS:

- Water reading: 850
- Ivy growing by toilet needs cutting but birds are currently nesting in it.

College: Update from JS:

- Water reading
- Gate is being left open, a reminder to keep the gate closed.

Corporation: Update by email from AJ:

- Water reading: 01711
- All sites being worked. We have had to terminate one tenancy and another tenant has given up for health reasons. Both are half plots and have now been re-let. We still need to get the keys back from the last tenants.
- We have had a big delivery of wood chippings.
- DM advised during the meeting that two letters of concern have been sent and the plot holders have have worked on the plot since they have received the letter.

Drybridge: Update from HCB :

- Water reading: 18717

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- Grass has been mowed it looks good.
- On site one plot has been terminated. One plot has given notice. Plot 26 has been let. Plot 10a has been let. Plot 10 b has sheets found behind the shed. Plot 17b has sheets on a shed roof. This is being dealt with.
- Key code lock for the communal shed is working amazingly. Everyone seems happy.
- Drybridge site has been donated another rotavator. A plot holder is going to check it over before we add it to the shed.
- Scrap has been removed from site. This money will go in the fuel jar for our machines - £42 so far.
- June 13th Madley year ones are coming. Theme vegetables. We are going to be looking at seeds, plant roots and produce, then planting. Fresh snack off site. Probably strawberries. Year five are on site on 26th June with a cooking theme.
- MW and myself went up to the growing local site on Tuesday. Drybridge were thanked for their fruit bushes we supplied when they were first getting going.
- I have a list of entrants for the summer judging. This I will pass on to John.
- I have been given a bag of arts and crafts from Hobby Craft for use with the children . Donated by a plot holder who works there.

Eign: Update from CY:

- Water reading: 275
- All plots are being worked. Some more than others but I believe that is due to people being on holiday .
- CY and another plot have levelled the water tank as overflows.

Holmer: Update from MW & TB:

- Water reading: 4085 skate park: 44 (new meter installed).
- Thank you to Mark Robinson (plot 3a and plot 37a) for agreeing to step in as assistant rep.
- One plot has left and plot has been relet.
- One plot has tenancy terminated and plot has been relet.
- One plot need clarification from the plot holder what their intentions are.
- One plot is going to have a letter sent after Trustee inspection due to inactivity on the plot.

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- Thank you to MW for continued support.

Rockfield: Update from DM :

- Water reading: 7184
- 7 letters of concern have been sent.
- 3 plots have been terminated.
- 2 plots recently let.
- Rubbish is being dumped by the shed, this must stop.
- If anyone is interested in becoming a site rep please contact Derek Mumford. Due to the size of the site, at least three site reps are required. TB to send an email around to plot holders with email.
- DM and MW are currently managing the plot between them.

Westfaling: Update from JP:

- Water reading: 01080
- Everyone is working on their plots and busy planting now the weather has improved.
- No issues on site in regards to plot holders, but two ex plot holders who live adjacent, have both been on site. One to strim alongside the fence and the other to cut the hedge. Neither asked permission from me or Malcolm.
- First summer social evening planned for Saturday 22nd June.
- Graffiti appearing on garages and youths hanging around. JP will contact their local policing team.
- JP has a supply of woodchip.
- JP will get contact details from HCB for removing the metal off site.

Wordsworth: Update from MW:

- Meter reading: 5735
- Half a plot to be let.

AOB:

- TB asked when the compost toilets at Holmer will be completed. DM will contact a contractor to complete.
- MW raised about the blandford fly for plot holders to be mindful of it as the bites can be nasty.

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END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 15th July 2024 @ 19:00 at The Railway Club.