

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 18th November 2024

Attendees: Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Chris Yapp (CY), Mark Robinson (MR), Annie Jones (AJ), Val Simms (VS), Jan Poole (JP), David Fletcher (DF), Dan Watkins (DW), Jo Simms (JS)

Apologies: John Rosser (JR), Roy Matthews (RM), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Mick Paine (MP), Jan Poole (JP)

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK

Matters arising: None

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: Update from PS:

- Water reading:
- A plot holder cut the grass onsite today today 18/11
- Most people are working the plots but awful weather
- Two plot holders with personal circumstances, one with medical problem and another who has had a family bereavement. They wish to and will be keeping their plots and others on site have offered to help them.

College: Update from JS:

- Water reading 03017
- Water turned off.
- Toilets locked as water turned off.
- Nothing much happening on site, due to weather.
- VS asked JS thought about having a notice on the gate due to local residents cars parking in front of the gate and blocking access. Agreed wording for sign, 'Keep Clear, Access Required at All Times.'
- JS has been forwarding pictures to the contact at Connexus of the parking issues.

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Corporation: Update from AJ:

- Water reading: 01823
- Water turned off.
- AJ has asked DM to send 2 letters of concern. One letter of termination. Two voluntary relinquishments, 1 through health problems and the other through lack of time. One person is being asked to go to half a plot as doesn't work the whole plot.

Drybridge: Update from DW:

- Water reading:
- Water off.
- Most seem to be working their plot.
- A couple of plots require letters of concern.
- The plot holder who has recently given up, still have the keys. DW does not know how to go about retrieving the keys. DM will contact her.

Eign: Update from CY:

- Water reading:
- Water turned off at previous
- All plots are being kept in good order.
- Plot 6 has given up and the plot has been relet.
- The portoloo has been cleaned out, still on site.
- Welsh Water has been to look at stop tap on the meter. However not repaired. VS will contact Welsh Water again.

Holmer: Update from MR & TB:

- Water reading: skate park:
- Water turned off before previous meeting so water reading is the same.
- Cess pit by toilet has been barriered off. It is full and requires emptying. This has been booked for the end November.
- Grass was cut about 3 weeks ago but hedges have not been done yet. VS advised he is going to do the hedge at Holmer when he has the order from the City Council to do the outside part of the hedge (Holmer Road side) so it will all be done at the same time.

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Rockfield: Update from DF:

- Water reading: As per October report.
- 3 plots have been let with 3 more pending.
- Other plots giving cause for concern. These were discussed during the meeting.
- New bag of scalpings received and being used to fill pot holes.

Westfaling: Update by email from JP:

- Water reading: 01134.9
- All OK on site.
- Has contacted the person on the waiting list as half plot available at Westfaling but no response. Does DM have anyone else on the list? DM confirmed he did and would be in contact.
- JS asked for update on the gate being blocked off as ex plot holder has been seen on site again. Will be discussed at Trustee meeting.

Wordsworth: Update from MP:

- Meter reading:
- A couple of internal moves coming up and a couple of plots will be available to let.

AOB:

- JS asked if any IBCs available. DM should have a definite response this week.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 20th January 2025 @ 19:00 at The Railway Club.