

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 19th August 2024

Attendees: Malcolm Watkin (MW), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Roy Matthews (RM), Jo Sims (JS), Chris Yapp (CY), Mark Robinson (MR), Annie Jones (AJ), Val Simms (VS), Mick Paine (MP), Jan Poole (JP)

Apologies: 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:
- One plot has been let and new plot holders making a start to clear

College: Update from JS:

- Water reading
- VS advised Connexus are dealing with the parking issues.
- JS has spotted a rabbit on site.
- 3 Plots out of the 5 that had letters have been terminated, have viewings booked at weekend for these.
- Cars / Vans on the access road seem to be getting worse, especially at weekends when they are all home.
- Grass cutting is OK, the hedge continues to get bigger!
- Any update on the IBC containers please?
- Padlock has disappeared from the bottom small gate, this has happened numerous times but it has always been found, speaking with the local youths it seems some of them know the number. I have ordered a multi key padlock to replace it. Keys will be issued on a requested basis.
- Most plots are being worked well and we have no issues on site.

Corporation: Update from AJ:

- Water reading: 01803

Registered Address: The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP
Registered Charity Number: 1185338

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- Some letters of concern have been sent. 2 are improving and 1 has given intention to quit.
- A leak from water tank, valve hadn't positioned properly. AJ's husband kindly rectified - thank you.
- Social event on 27th July was well attended and went well.
- AJ has cleaned the toilet and replenished toilet roll, hand wipes.
- Sadly, Bill Webster has recently passed away. The funeral is 3rd September - contact AJ for further information regarding funeral arrangements. The Trustees send their condolences to Bill's family during this very difficult time.

Drybridge: Site rep position vacant. Update from DM & PS:

- Water reading: 01963
- Grass has been cut by contractor and looks good.
- All plots are full.
- HCB is thrilled with the summer judges choices.
- Helen has decided to resign for personal reasons. A couple of people have put themselves forward and will be interviewed by the Trustees.
- The Trustees sincerely thank Helen for all of her hard work and commitment.
- One plot has been terminated and plot has been relet.
- One plot is being kept by for the school visits.
- The Trustees will plan how school visits will go ahead in the future.
- MW raised need to look at Elderflower growing over the garage. DM will review on Saturday 24th August.

Eign: Update from CY:

- Water reading: 303
- One plot holder may be giving up at the end of the year.
- Deer have been spotted on site.
- CY has cut trees back.
- CY has requested DM to send two letters of concerns.
- Site cup needs returning to VS.
- CY has received query about summer judging. There were two merits but no second and third. VS explained the communications from JR that there were not enough points

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Holmer: Update from MW & TB:

- Water reading: 4216 skate park: 54
- 2 plots to let (in contact with potential new plot holders)
- 4 letters of concern have been sent.
- Communications sent regarding Mark Robinson being the additional site rep.
- Just a reminder to plot holders, they must not be on any other plot holders plot without their permission.

Rockfield: Update from DM:

- Water reading: 7333
- All plots are let.

Westfaling: Update from JP:

- Water reading: 01126
- JP has spoken with 3 plot holders to tidy up and they have done.
- Has spoken with one resident who has a gate onto site (not a plot holder) and advised that she JP will strim and keep tidy which the resident thanked her for.
- The letters to other two residents will be sent by Hereford City Council will be sent out over the next week.
- JP has noticed badgers on site.

Wordsworth: Update from MW:

- Meter reading: 5894
- All plots are being worked but a couple not complying with tenancy agreement have been sent letters of concern.
- A local resident is regularly complaining. As a goodwill gesture MP cleared by his fence (which is 6inch from HALGS boundary fence). PS advised we will be forwarding any additional complaints from him to the City Council.

AOB:

- DM for prize giving at the next monthly meeting on 16th September. The site rep meeting at 19:00 and prize giving start at 19:30. The Mayor will present the prizes as normal. TB to send a notice to site reps for them to inform the plot holders on their sites who have been awarded a prize.

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- CY asked for a date on composting toilets. VS does not have a date yet. Eign and Westfaling may have to manage without a toilet for a month as a base will need laying for the new toilets. CY will keep toilet in the same place as current portaloo. JP would like the compost toilet to be put by the second water tank.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 16th September 2024 @ 19:00 at The Railway Club.