

# Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

## Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 15th January 2024

Attendees: David Fletcher (DF), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Val Simms (VS), Pauline Shannon (PS), Sylvia Fletcher (SF), Jan Poole (JP), John Rosser (JR), Vivienne Webster (VW), Roy Matthews (RM), Mick Paine (MP), Jo Sims (JS), Annie Jones (AJ).

Apologies: Chris Yapp (CY), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB)

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK.

### Site rep reports by exception

**Ash:** Update from PS:

- Water reading 840
- Lots of manure delivered (not free - plot holders paid for it)
- Another ½ plot let.

**College:** Update from JS:

- Water reading
- Another let plot and one to let on Saturday.
- Q when will the hedge be cut. MW advised any time soon, weather has hindered it. JS would like to be informed when he will be on site.

**Corporation:** Update from AJ:

- Water reading
- AJ is now site rep, VW has stepped down this year for personal reasons.
- A couple of plot holders have given up and a couple of downsized but all is now let.
- Problem with fan on toilet which DM is looking in to.
- PS thanked AJ for stepping up to site rep.

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**Drybridge:** Update from HCB:

- Water reading:

**Eign:** Update from CY:

- Water reading:

**Holmer:** Update from MW:

- Water reading: 3966 skate park: 0020 (new meter installed).
- Query skate park meter
- Gateway should be finished in next few weeks - weather has delayed the soil mound and and scalpings being finished.
- Thank you to MW for sorting the lock on the gate at short notice and for ongoing support.
- All plots let at present.

**Rockfield:** Update from DF:

- Water reading:
- 6 plots to let
- DM advised toilet is working.
- Rose gardens fence post is still leaning. DF was advised to ring the Rose Gardens.

**Westfaling:** Update from JP:

- Water reading:
- Balfour Beatty was asking code for site gate as they cut the hedge by cementary.
- JP was asked price increase on admin and why aren't we emailing the bills to cut down on cost. VS advised there was no increase this year at all and email addresses change and we are not notified hence sent to posted to address.
- A couple of half plots to let.
- PS thanked JP for standing up for Roly who has resigned as site rep.

**Wordsworth:** Update from MW:

- Meter reading
- Lock replaced
- Scalpings partially laid

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- Hedge to be cut.
- 2 full plots and ½ plot to let

### **AOB:**

- PS raised summer judging criteria. Aim is to make more people aware of summer judging and encourage more people to enter. At the moment the criteria that has been shared with site reps is in draft form. We would like to finalise early February to send to plot holders. It's important site reps are involved in this process. Do the site reps have any ideas.
- SF after review the only thing they could think was to include not having rubbish stored on the plot.
- PS want to try and encourage people to use their own initiative. We have two independent judges and cannot have them judging over 400 plots. Site reps will be putting forward plots to be judged. The judging has to take place within a 2 week period to make it fair on all. PS asked site reps to have a think about the draft criteria sent and email TB by end of January if would like to suggest changes. We will not be telling people how much of what they need to grow or how many marks there are, the judges are experienced.
- AJ asked if will be any indication of how many plots should be put forward. JR advised there is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd and merit prize for every 10 plots on site.
- Judging can then be reviewed at the end of the year for any feedback.
- A person at Rockfield would like to keep chickens - TB will send guidance document to DF.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 19th February 2024 @ 18:30 at Hereford Welsh Club.