

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 19th February 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), Roy Matthews (RM), Mick Paine (MP), Annie Jones (AJ), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Jo Sims (JS)

Apologies: Chris Yapp (CY)

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK.

Matters arising: National grid are not digging up Wordsworth allotment.

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: Update from PS:

- Water reading 840
- Overhanging trees to be pruned before birds start nesting
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College: Update from JS:

- Water reading 02927
- Query ref hedge. MW advised top of hedge is not in contract.
- Welsh Water have been to site and resolved the same day that MW fixed the tank.
- JS reported lots of activity on site and all plots let.

Corporation: Update from AJ:

- Water reading 01668
- 1 half plot being relet.
- A couple of plots causing some concern as not started any work on plot yet. Site rep will give another few weeks and then speak with them if not started.
- 2 plot holders have put compost bins outside actual plot. Site rep will speak with them.

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Drybridge: Update from HCB:

- Water reading: water is still off
- Plot has been let.
- A nursery has been to site to have a look around and would like to bring the children.
- Four letters of concern have been sent.
- A what's app group has been set up for plot holders on site who wish to participate as requested by one of the plot holders. It's not for gossip but for sharing things about what they are doing on their allotment.

Eign: Site rep unable to attend meeting:

- Water reading:

Holmer: Update from MW:

- Water reading: 3987 skate park: 0034 (new meter installed).
- Most plots are being worked some need to start.
- Concern - when revamped the skate park, all the earth has been pushed against the holmer hedge. With heavy rain the whole of the bottom of site was flooded. MW will be speaking with the skate park.
- Soil mound needs to be cleared has been too wet. Need at least 1 week of dry weather to be able to move.
- MW has cleared 3 of the drains, only one which requires doing is by the toilet.
- Hedge to be cut by site entrance to try and improve visibility.

Rockfield: Update from SF:

- Water reading: 7105/24
- MW attended site on 19/02 to help sort some things out which was appreciated.
- A few plot holders haven't appeared yet. PS and VS have pointed out that it is still quite early and the weather has not been great.
- Some plots to let.
- Manure has not arrived yet.
- Toilet fan works perfectly.
- Piece of hedging that needs cutting still hasn't been cut. MW advised it is being sorted.

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Westfaling: Update from JP:

- Water reading: 01055
- Everyone is working plots and site is fully let.
- Issue with a dog running free on site. The dog belongs to a local resident who used to be a plot holder and have gates accessible to the sites. The dogs are coming through the hedge. MW suggested chicken wire to put there. DM will hopefully put some chicken wire across tomorrow (20/02) and see if this stops. If continues will speak with Town Clerk regarding sending another letter.

Wordsworth: Update from MW:

- Meter reading: water still turned off
- All plots let.
- Two plots causing concern but speaking with the plot holders.

AOB:

- JS has asked if she can put an IBC container next to her shed. DM confirmed this is OK. DM is ringing around to see what prices can get and will let people know.
- PS asked if anyone had anything to say about summer judging rules shared last meeting. The site reps confirmed no they were happy with them. PS advised they would be shared by the end of the month for site reps to put on their notice board.
- Site reps who have not been around with JR to meet in April. The first Saturday and the second Saturday in April (6th or 13th) for those that can't attend the first. It will be at Wordsworth and in the morning. HCB cannot make a Saturday until the afternoon. JR will arrange something with HCB separately.
- PS shared that MW in his new role of main site rep contact / site rep coordinator is happy to show reps around the other sites if they wanted to go.
- MP - if plot holders intend on not renewing their plot the following year then could they they let the reps know in October to give new people the opportunity to get the plot clean and tidy in November and December.

END OF MEETING

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Next Meeting: (AGM) Monday 18th March 2024 @ 18:30 at Hereford Welsh Club.