

Grenfell Road Allotment Meeting -Aug10th. 10.30

Present: Alan Lines, Andrew Middleton, David Middleton, Kim Clayton, Debbie Devey, John Devey, Ann Robinson, Pete Jones, Bill Cox, , Philip Lester, J Kitchen, T Kitchen, J Bailey, Terry Hancox, Peter Box,

Also attending were Chairman and Vice chairman of North Walsall Allotment Society

Apologies: Bill Clayton, L Middleton, T Bennett

- The Chairman and Vice chairman of NWAS have been instructed by their legal department not to accept any rent from R Gutteridge following complaints of inappropriate behaviour. Any more accusations of a sexual nature should be reported to the police and to the chairman. A vote was taken among the Grenfell Road members to eject R Gutteridge from the site which carried by the majority present. Ray Gutteridge has 7 days from the date of this meeting to clear his plot but only under supervision.
- Members were requested to attend the monthly Association meetings and to support the show. Site visits will be made by the council to check that 75% of each plot is being cultivated.
- We have received £200 from the Association , £150 of which has been spent purchasing a brush cutter (to enable plot clearance)
- Health and Safety issues - a notice needs to be displayed advising members that they are on site at their own risk. Potholes in the roads are deep and need filling -A Lines is organising. Loose railings around ladies toilet block have been fixed. Fencing is to erected at critical points of the brook to safeguard children.
- State of plots- letters have been served to 2 plotholders and 28 days have passed. They normally have 28 days to sort their plots, then 28 days to vacate if plot is not sorted. It was suggested that a letter goes out on Oct 1st that anyone who has not paid rent by Nov 1st will have to vacate their plot.
- 8 empty plots at present. Plots will be offered to residents of Grenfell Road and local area first.
- If wildlife is trapped under netting etc. then we can go onto other plots to release it.

- Discussion took place on shop opening times. There are presently 2 keyholders. Stocktake to refund the Middleton family. It was suggested shop could be used by home growers and other sites- prices must be displayed. J. Davis and other plotheholders put money together, £50 each- no books kept.
- Treasurer- we are registered for grants but need to show financial accounts and bank account. £50 is needed to open account or £5 with Walsave Credit Union. The association currently holds £15,000 in bank.
Draft constitution needed to open bank account and is a bespoke record of what happens here. New plotheholders now pay for key (refundable)- monies to shop account

Meeting closed at 11.30am

Next meeting 10.30 am 10th.September 2017