

GRENFELL ROAD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Grenfell road allotments

Date: 28/05/2023

Time: 10:30

Facilitator: A Lines

Agenda Items

1. Apologies-
2. Attendees- A Lines, D Devey, S Lines, T & J Kitchen, B Baines, P Howdle, F Burton, T Lines, R & J Lea and Children, L Williams, A Gill, J Devine
3. **Actions from Previous Meeting:** New machinery has been purchased, specifically Lawn Mower and a 5 in 1 gardening tool. If you wish to borrow these please speak to A Lines as training may need to be given first before loaning out. New Notice boards have now been erected around the site, namely by toilet block and also shop. Work parties to be organised, to start from 11th June at 10.30am. JD to put up notices to this effect.
4. **Health & Safety:** There have been reports of children running around the site, to remind all plot holders that children must be supervised at all times as they are many hazards on site. If anyone sees anything to report to Committee members who will speak to parents concerned.
5. **Plot Inspections:** DD & FB have recently completed plot inspections. 10 letters have been sent out to plot holders regarding issues with their plots, and they are clearly made aware of the issues raised in the letter and are given a time frame to either ensure their plot is brought up to standard or give notice. If anyone has received a letter and wishes to raise concerns they need to speak in person to DD. There are currently 6 people who are on waiting list for plots. Water usage. Plot holders are reminded to not use sprinklers and leave un-attended. Please limit water usage to 30 minutes to be fair to other plot holders. Skips are planned to be put on site soon, JD to make notices to attach to skips to avoid mis-use.

6. Accounts:

Balance £9187.12

Spend on notice boards and machinery £1360.00

Ring fenced £4000

Paid In £366.45 , this is from shop, Rent Keys and change from money taken to cover previous purchases.

7. **Site Maintenance** : Leak in lady's toilets due to be fixed asap. Kevin and John helping out with mowing site. Orchard area to be trimmed back. Several siting's of water voles on site which is Great news as they are endangered.

8. **Shop**: Second early and main crop seed potatoes and onions sets available in shop.

Compost on order. Paula to help run shop, please check notice boards which will inform you of who is on site and available to open shop if needed during the week. AL to continue to open shop on Sunday mornings from 11am – 1pm.

9. **Goscote Water bill**: Historically when the North Walsall Allotments were devolved there was a bill of £2.4k for Goscote which was not paid. Any monies at that time were split between the other sites who were part of North Walsall Group. This bill should have been paid before monies were allocated. All other sites have now repaid their share back towards this cost. Grenfell Road have not paid this to date and are now being chased for this. It was agreed just to pay back what is owed. AL & DD to sort this out.

10.**AOB**: LW asked if it was possible to put some of the print some of the posters in white font/yellow background as this helps people with a learning difficulty who may find it hard to read the normal signs. JD to look into this.

Proposal to hold a Grenfell site competition/fun day events on Sat 2nd September 2023. This is aimed to be light hearted fun. No RHS standards for judging, no monetary prizes will be given. Further details will be posted in due course.

Next Meeting 25th June 2023

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Procure & erect notice boards.	Alan Lines	Completed	
Paula pt shop keeper	Alan Lines	Completed	
Procure new machinery.	Alan Lines	Completed	
Organise work parties.	Alan Lines	Start 11 th June 2023	