

Meeting of Desford Parish Council Allotments Working Group 11.06.19.

Present: Pat Crane, Ian Cunnington, Lynda Grimshaw, Julie Peel, Malcolm Peel

Apologies: Nic Lockley

Matters Arising from minutes of 02.04.19:

- It was suggested that DAGA should display a copy of their insurance policy on the Allotment notice board and/or circulate it to all members. The cover is adequate, but there are some points which people need to be aware of eg. bonfires & training to use powered equipment by a competent person **Action: IC**
- Water troughs: no update available. PC to ask LS as these were first requested 1st August 2018 **Action: PC/LS**
- Natsol questionnaire: PC to resend e mail **Action: PC/ MP**

DAGA:

- Meeting with DAGA: there had been no response following the meeting between chairs & vice-chairs. IC said that DAGA had not had a committee meeting, but he would request that one was organised in the near future. LG requested that all members were notified of the date **Action: IC**
- Fence installation: no date yet. Most people have cleared a metre wide strip to enable access. Concern was expressed that one tenant had not responded, but may be ill or on holiday. MP asked for the Risk Assessment and Method Statement to be provided to DPC prior to the work starting. PC to check whether this has been done **Action: PC**
- 2 skips had been provided by DPC to enable plot holders to dispose of items when clearing the metre strip
- Posters were appearing on notice boards for the Produce Show

Inspections:

- 8 letters were sent in May and 8 in June
- PC to follow up interest in plot 18B. If L&JG do not want it, MP will rent it **Action: PC**

Vacant plots: it was agreed that plastic sheeting was the most cost effective way of suppressing weeds on vacant plots. MP to provide cost of plastic sheeting & pegs to Resources Committee **Action: MP**

Members Exchange:

- IC wants DAGA and DPC to have a fresh start in their relationship and will do all that he can to encourage this
- MP would like to see the pod relocated behind the container, to allow more space in the car park, and possible reorientation of the container so that the door faces the track. DAGA will be invited to take part in any future discussions
- IC said that the pod is rarely used. In future it would be good to see some advice sessions and liaison with community groups

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