

Meeting of Desford Parish Council Allotments Working Group 05.11.19.

Present: Pat Crane, Ian Cunnington, Colin Oakes, Julie Peel

Apologies: Lynda Grimshaw, Nic Lockley

Matters Arising from minutes of 01.10.19:

- **Padlock keys:** We will include a request in the Renewal letters of these 2 tenants
Action: PC
- **Clearance of asbestos & old sheds:** No update available on the asbestos on plot 15A. CO also queried whether the shed roof on plot 13A was asbestos. PC to visit site tomorrow and check whether LS has already contacted HBBC. IC will move the second shed to plot 12, ready for burning. Thanks to IC for volunteering to do this
Action: PC/LS/IC
- **Quote for fencing & gate:** PC to check whether LS has ordered
Action: PC
- **Hedges:** IC commented that the contractors have done a good job
- **Road gate:** all to seek feedback from plot holders
Action: All

DAGA:

- **Allotment Site Designation:** IC & PC to look for deeds in filing cabinet
Action: IC/PC
- **Damaged container lock:** it was agreed that this matter is to be discussed between MP and DP and is not AWG business
- **Fire extinguisher:** PC to reply with DPC view (that DAGA should provide fire extinguishers for pod & container. Allotment Rules have been amended to include provision of fire bucket when tenants light a bonfire)
Action: PC
- **Track improvements:** PC to write and ask DAGA to get quotes for resurfacing the trackway and car park, using Gopla or similar material, so that grants can be sought
Action: PC

Allotment Rules:

- the amended Allotment Rules will be recommended to full Council this month and all tenants will be notified, when the Renewal letters are sent, and will also be reminded about their responsibility to keep paths clear and well maintained. DAGA have agreed we can display a copy of the Rules in the Pod
Action: PC
- the old Rules are still on the website in one place
Action: LS

Allotment Strategy:

- The Action Plan will be removed and kept as a separate document which will be monitored by the AWG at their monthly meetings
- It was agreed to circulate both documents again so that CO could read them. If no further amendments are suggested, they will be recommended to full Council this month
Action: PC
- No one from DAGA attended the meeting, although DP had sent his comments. We would like the AWG and DAGA to work together to implement the actions. Councillors have to deal with many other Parish Council matters, so can only spend a limited amount of time on allotment items

Renewal Letters:

- had been amended to take account of comments from LS
- will be sent out at the end of November

Action: PC**Members Exchange:**

- CO asked what the protocol was for dealing with trees inherited on plots. PC will ask if Arboreco can inspect 2 trees on the roadside boundary and give advice to Council **Action: PC/LS**
- The tenant of plot 34 & 35 has used carpet on the paths which is absorbing a lot of water, making it hard to remove. It will be suggested that they could use bark as a better alternative **Action: PC**
- The handyman has been asked to level the water troughs over the winter period

Date of next inspections: April 2020**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3rd December 7.30pm at the Library (to look at Action Plan)