**Meeting of Desford Parish Council Allotments Working Group 03.12.19.**

**Present:** Pat Crane, Ian Cunnington, Lynda Grimshaw, Colin Oakes, Julie Peel

**Apologies:** Nic Lockley

**Matters Arising from minutes of 05.11.19:**

* **Padlock keys:** We included a request in the Renewal letters of these 2 tenants, so await a response
* **Clearance of asbestos & old sheds:** was completed on Friday
* **Quote for fencing & gate:** the supplier failed to attend the arranged site meeting. PC to check whether LS has met him and confirmed the order **Action: PC/LS**
* **Tree Inspections:** PC to check whether Arboreco have been asked **Action: PC**

**DAGA:**

* **Allotment Site Designation:** IC & PC have searched for deeds in both filing cabinets in the office. CC to be asked to contact EF; otherwise the search will continue in the cemetery hut **Action: IC/PC/CC**
* **Track improvements:** DP obtained a quote for resurfacing the trackway and car park from Geosynthetics. This was very expensive and did not include installation, plus would need a fork lift to offload on site. DP to be asked whether he is willing to seek further quotes and look for grants. The track from the road to the inner gate has potholes. Resources Committee discussed the idea of a path to give improved wheelchair access, but the track is not wide enough for this **Action: IC**

**Allotment Strategy & Action Plan:**

* The Aims were discussed and responsibilities & dates were agreed *(see attached)*
* We would like to offer support to the Academy with their allotment. IC to raise it with DAGA **Action: IC**
* The Action Plan will be monitored at the monthly meetings of the Working Group
* The Allotment Strategy will be submitted to full Council **Action: PC**

**Renewal Letters:**

* So far 2 tenants have indicated that they are giving up their plots. Concern was expressed that one tenant had cut down several fruit trees when clearing their plot
* PC is to offer them to those on the waiting list and, if necessary, we will advertise vacancies **Action: PC**

**Date of next inspections:** April 2020

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th January 2020 7.30pm at the Library