**Meeting of Desford Parish Council Allotments Working Group 06.10.20. by zoom**

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

**Matters Arising from minutes of 01.09.20:**

* **Registering the site:** no update available

**Easy Access Plot:**

* 16 replies had been received (out of a possible 56)
* PC had analysed and circulated the results
* Following discussion, the following actions were suggested:
* To gather more opinions about the potential interest in an easy access plot via the website, facebook and notice boards **Action: PC/IC**
* To contact the doctors and ask them whether any patients might benefit from the opportunity to take part in such a scheme **Action: PC**
* To ask the people who attend Forget me Not if they would be interested **Action: PC**
* To ask Honeysuckle Farm whether any of their residents might participate **Action: PC**
* To explore whether any local allotment sites run a similar scheme, with a view to asking how they operate and a possible visit before we make any decisions **Action: all**
* PC had asked whether the DAGA committee would consider a joint meeting to discuss the scheme. LG reported that DP was still awaiting a response from some members

**Risk assessments:**

* JP had circulated a draft risk assessment for the track. This was adopted, with thanks to Julie
* PC will ask the Parish Council to purchase 5mph signs. 5 will be needed unless they are double sided **Action: PC**
* We will review the track in the Spring, when we will have more idea of interest in the Easy Access Plot
* It was agreed that, as landlords, the Parish Council should ask to see the DAGA risk assessment for use of the equipment items available to plot holders **Action: PC/MB**

**DAGA:** no matters raised this month

**Action Plan:**  the Action Plan was reviewed and it was agreed to record that the risk assessment had been completed. PC will update and circulate **Action: PC**

**Inspections and waiting list:**

* a letter was sent to the tenant of plot 1B asking them to let us know the date when contamination was recorded on the plot and a copy of the paperwork showing this. No reply has been received
* PC has completed a search in the filing cabinets in the cemetery hut, but no relevant paperwork was found
* NL offered to tend plot 1B for a season to see whether there was any detrimental effect on vegetables grown in this area
* It was thought that the contamination by oil was at least 15 years ago and was unlikely to still pose a risk
* The cost of a soil test will be investigated **Action: PC/EA**
* An inspection of all plots will be carried out in November. PC will notify all plot holders of our intention to enforce the rules, and give tenants notice to quit if necessary, with a view to offering half plots to some of those on the waiting list **Action: PC**

**Members Exchange:**

* LG &BG have ordered a skip for this weekend in order to dispose of their old shed. Other tenants are welcome to fill it once they have put the shed in
* It was noted that another item has been dumped anonymously near the pod. Plot holders need reminding not to fly tip. PC will include this in her e mail **Action: PC**

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