

# West Bergholt Allotment Holders' Site Committee

Notes of the meeting of the Committee held at Vindins, Chapel Lane  
on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011 at 19:30

Present: Harry Stone (Chairman/Trustee), Terry Claydon, Bob Gooden, Susan  
Hollock, John James, Dave Nichols  
Apologies: Jenny Drane,

## **1. Composition of Committee and appointment of officers for next year.**

Harry agreed to continue for another year as Chairman, and Terry as Secretary which was agreed by rest of committee – All existing members agreed to continue on committee.

Please note – if any plot holder is interested in joining then let one on the committee know.

## **2. Notes of the last meeting (21st October) and progress on the issues raised. –**

Only outstanding issue is the manure still to be moved by hedge along Church Close - plot holder will be asked to move soonest. When manure is delivered this year consideration will be taken to actual unloading of manure if not dumped on a plot.

## **3. Site meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

About 26 members attended meeting.

Rent Invoices given to those who attended and payments accepted.

Matters raised by plot holders

- a) Bill Mathews asked about have events on site to build up funds for the site.  
It was felt that the rent currently covers the general running of the site and any additional requirements above this could be put before the WBPC for a grant as they occur in the future.
- b) Car parking on Chapel road – was thought to be dangerous by a plot holder - we could not see what could be done about this as no parking restrictions are on this road. Parking on site is forbidden and vehicles only allowed on for loading/unloading.
- c) Main path boundary – We have noticed that the track is getting to narrow leading up to Church Close boundary hedge – plot holders will be asked to reinstate the track – track should be the same width from gate to boundary. Track boundary will be marked out – If track becomes too narrow – vehicles will no longer be able to access this area for maintenance and loading and unloading. Also causing vehicles to go onto plots.

**4. Waiting list and allocation of vacant plots.**

Due to various reasons we had 12 vacant plots – these are currently being allocated to the 10 people on the waiting list. This leaves 2 plots still available and an empty waiting list.

**5. Plot Inspections -**

All allotment plots are to be inspected several times during the growing season by members of the allotment site committee on behalf of the Parish Council. Any plot which is not deemed cultivated will be sent a request to cultivate the plot within 1 month or further action will be taken.

A plot is considered cultivated if 50% or more of the plot is in productive use, i.e. perennial fruit, flowers or vegetables, or soil is overturned. There should be little or no long vegetation on the allotment plot.

The growing season is generally between April and October (weather depending). We start inspections after the Easter holiday and we would expect plots to meet our definition of a cultivated plot by this time.

**6. Any other business**

a) It was decided that next years rent invoices will be sent by post during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. Plot holders can then post cheques direct to Parish Council Clerk or deliver by hand cash or cheques – to be received by end February.

b) Site meetings to be continued but first one of year to be in March for 2012.

**7. Next meeting - Sub-Committee Meeting – 19.30 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011 at Vindens, Chapel Road.**

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West Bergholt Allotment Holders' Site Committee is made up of volunteers who are an interface between plot holders and Parish Council and help maintain the standards and rules applied by the Parish Council and interests of plot holders.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the sub committee please contact us.

WBAH Site Committee

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