

RUSHDEN PERMANENT ALLOTMENT AND SMALL HOLDING SOCIETY LIMITED

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Register no. 3126R

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Field Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at Grafton Road Rushden

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Present:

Russell Jarvis	RJ	Dave Flook	DF
Anita Jarvis	AJ	Anita Medlock	AM
Dave Craker	DC	Peter Swindley	PS
Keith Jackson	KJ		

Apologies:

Dee Smith, Pam Clark, John Bowerman, Mark Cox

The minutes for 20th March 2019 discussed and agreed.

Proposed DF
2nd KJ
All Agreed

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th March Action Points

Action points Meeting 20th March 2019		
Subject	Action required	Action taken
Removal of illegal gate on Alexandra Road	Check with Police if legal for the Society to remove it.	RJ Contacted the Police and they verified we are within our right to remove it.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence

1. Letter - Anna Jardine, RedHouse - Rec 22/3/19 re application for M Johnson to build Houses Document was incomplete so requested a corrected version.
2. Letter - Michael Johnson - Rec 25/3/19 but dated 16/3/19. Another set of keys. One still does not work. Letter, with second set of keys, & reply were read out. Committee was reminded this is the person who has put high gates up across a Society Road on Alexandra Park Estate and has been asked to remove them.
3. Email - Anna Jardine, RedHouse – Rec 27/3/19 - Corrected document emailed. Also requested us to provide a plan to show ownership of Alexandra Road. Chairman has replied that her client should be in possession of such documents when they purchased the land.
4. Email - Russell Parkhill – Rec 4/4/19 - Amendments to plan for Spenwood. We have been sent the amendments to the proposed plan. They are asking that we remove our objection. These have not however been added to East Northants planning web site.

5. Email – Russell Parkhill – Rec 15/4/19 – Asking if we would confirm that we own Alexandra Road as applicants Solicitor has had “limited success finding this”. Chairman replied suggesting that their solicitor contacts us.
6. Email – Al Varilone (solicitor for Spenwood) – Rec 15/4/19 – Asking for a contact number to discuss “certain issues”. Chairman emailed him to list them in order that they could be bought to the committee.
7. Email - Al Varilone – Rec 17/4/19 - He now says that he is “seeking instructions”

It was felt by the committee that it would be good idea to visit Alexandra Road as there are now 2 sets of correspondence in progress. Arranged for 18/4/19 at 14:00.

8. Email – Colin Wright – Rec 4/4/19 – Has offer of Weedkiller for sale at a Cheap Price. Committee felt unwise to purchase such items that are not from our normal supplier.
9. Email - Bethany Watson – Rec 9/4/19 – From Wyevale requesting that we add them to our web site. Committee felt not a good idea.
10. Email – A member – Rec 26/3/19 - Report of more items taken from his plot. DF stated that as of 15/4/19 they were in his old poly tunnel. Reply to him stating this.
11. Email – A member – Rec 15/4/19 – Request permission for a shed 2.4m x 1.8m. Granted
12. Email – A member – Rec 17/4/19 - Request permission for Greenhouse. Granted
13. Email - Data Print Services – Rec 21/3/19 - Offer for advert as per last year. £36 + VAT
Agreed to have advert.
14. Letter – A member – Rec 17/4/19 - Request permission for Polytunnel. Granted

Treasurer's Report

- The actual bank balance now stands at **£11,983.01 with £1,213.30** Petty Cash including **£200.00** float for additional work at Washbrook Road.
- Following the Rent collection efforts we have received **£10,158.75** in Annual Rents (286 Members) and **£732.98** in New Rents/Additional Land
- 126 members paid on line totalling **£4,512.50**
- According to my records and information there is **£850.00** uncollected from **15** members to date. One Member is ill and no rent has yet been collected (**£402.50**)
- The Bank and Petty Cash balances shown above are actual balances to date.

Field Reports

Highfield Road

- There had been a breakin in the early hours of the 2nd April. The main gates had been left open. The padlock was found a couple of days later in the car park. Although it had been cut with bolt cutters the cut indicated that the padlock had to be open with a key first. The cut was below the closed line. Sheds that were broken into appeared to be carefully selected. The field stewards shed had been completely ransacked compared with the others where items had just been removed and left at the main gate. This included poultry put into potato sacks from the stewards shed. However, 1 mantis tiller and “pull along” trolley cannot be accounted for.
- Letter to be sent to an expelled member to return key

Washbrook Road

- Neighbour called Police to the field as had seen, possible youths, one either side of fence. No report of any sheds broken into. This occurred on Sunday 14th April at around midnight.
- Letters to 3 expelled members for return of keys.

Bedford Road

- Gap in fence with a neighbour in Mobile Home Park has been blocked up. It was felt that they had been dumping garden rubbish on our field. Also hole that had been cut in chain link fence to allow her ginger cat in, has been blocked.

Grafton Road /Small Holding

- Tractor garage replacement has commenced.

Store/Rota

- The rota for the month was agreed.

Health and Safety

- Nothing to report this month.

Any Other Business

- Nothing to report

Meeting Closed: 20:45

Date of next meeting Monday 13th May at 7:00pm

Signed_____

Counter signed_____

Date _____