

# **RUSHDEN PERMANENT ALLOTMENT AND SMALL HOLDING SOCIETY LIMITED**

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## **Field Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 24th July 2019 at Grafton Road Rushden**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm

### **Present:**

Russell Jarvis	RJ	Dave Flook	DF
Anita Jarvis	AJ	John Bowerman	JB
Dave Craker	DC	Mark Cox	MC
Keith Jackson	KJ	Anita Medlock	AM
Pam Clark	PC		

### **Apologies:**

Peter Swindley

The minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 discussed and agreed.

Proposed KJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC  
All Agreed

<b>Action points Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July ( June Meeting) 2019</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action required</b>	<b>Who to action</b>
Action points; Any other business	Email WR members to forewarn that help will be required in September to erect the barbed wire on the fences	Complete
Secretary's report and correspondence	Write to a member to inform her of the discussion at the meeting.	Complete
Secretary's report and correspondence	Email a member to clarify the size of poly tunnel he proposes	The member has emailed correct dimensions. Poly tunnel agreed.
Field reports: Washbrook Road	Write to a member to inform him to make his plot safe and remove buried glass.	Complete. The member has removed the glass and made his plot safe.
Stores	Send email and produce a poster to inform members of the stores closing December and January	Complete

### **Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

1. Email – A member - Address issues raised in letter sent by Committee after last meeting. The Committee agreed their interpretation of her email at the last meeting had not changed and a further letter will reply accordingly reminding that she has the remainder of the month to cultivate as required or be expelled, and remind that if ill health prevents her from attending to the plot it may be better to give it up and reapply when fit.

2. Email – A member – Request a plot to keep chickens and ducks.

RJ said there were no plots available to keep chickens at BR. He expressed concerns that during winter months The member rarely came to the allotment, and will be reminded of the need to attend livestock daily.

3. Email – A member – Question re erected fence.

DF has explained and measured the plots in question and offered advice on how to proceed in an effort to resolve the problem. The member has refused to take this advice and was abusive to him and other plot holders. DF told him to put his issue in a letter to the committee if necessary. As far as DF is concerned he has done all he can and the matter is resolved.

4. Email – A member – Request to rent another plot.

RJ is not aware the plot he refers to is free. Mr Burton's request will be added to the extra land list.

5. Email – 3 members had poly tunnels approved and one with the agreement to keep chickens.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The actual bank balance now stands at **£3829.63 with £1,117.03** Petty Cash including **£200.00** float for additional work at Washbrook Road.
- No significant expenditure this month.
- Stock sales are continuing to generate good income.
- The Bank and Petty Cash balances shown above are actual balances to date.
- There was a discussion on the tractor shed recently erected at Grafton Road. The leaks have been sorted and the shed rendered as per manufacturers recommendation. The down pipe to be fitted when RJ has a suitable tank to collect the water.

### **Field Reports**

#### **Highfield Road**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Letters required for 4 members
- There are issues with people attending the nursery blocking the entrance. 'No Parking' signs are required and a letter to the nursery.
- There have been complaints from 2 members about a member keeping ferrets and that the ferrets had escaped once. The members were fearful for their chickens. The Committee agreed to write to the plot holder, to instruct him to remove the ferrets as he has not had permission to keep them.

**Action RJ/DS**

**Action DS**

#### **Washbrook Road**

- There was a break in last Saturday or Sunday. DF has advised the plot holders affected to report their loss or damage to the police. He has an incident number.
- RJ notified the following details given by members after the meeting :
  - A member found a row of potatoes trampled, poly tunnel had a hole kicked in it, crops in the poly tunnel had been trampled on, a hosepipe disconnected and removed from the tunnel and reconnected and placed on the plot next door. The pipe had been connected to the mains and the timers overridden and water had been run off, the connected pipe to the four barrels in the tunnel had been snapped and drained of water, a pallet was up against the fence on the side of plot 5 to get over the fence in to the plot.
  - From another plot was taken a claw hammer and an old Stanley knife, possibly 2 watering cans.

- Nothing was taken from a third plot, but a coat from another plot owners shed was put in his shed.

#### **Bedford Road**

- Nothing to report this month.

#### **Grafton Road /Small Holding**

- Nothing to report this month.

#### **Store/Rota**

- The store will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from August. RJ to send email and he gave a poster for display to the field stewards.

#### **Health and Safety**

- Nothing to report this month.

#### **Any Other Business**

- DF said that a member whose property neighbours the Greenway was told by the council he may cut the overhanging trees and throw the branches on the Greenway edge. This is correct.
- RJ said that the Party in the Park went well. Quite a few members attended and a couple of application forms have been received. A member from WR who did not give his name, moaned about pallets at WR, which were up against the fence and could have been used to climb in and out of the field. DF said there were no pallets where he stated
- RJ issued the Facebook administrators with a list of ex- members to remove and a list of names in the Facebook group who are affiliated to members, but we don't know who. PC said she would enquire who they 'belong' to.
- RJ asked why Kay Jackson was still administrator of the Facebook page as the front description states that administrators are committee members. Mrs Jackson is no longer a committee member. AM refused to delete Mrs Jackson as an administrator as she had set up the page in the first place.

#### **Meeting Closed 20:35**

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 7:00pm**

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Counter signed\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Action points Meeting 24th July 2019</b>		
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Field Reports: Highfield Road	Write to nursery to remind about parking.	Dee Smith
	Obtain 'No parking' signs	Russell Jarvis
Field Reports: Highfield Road	Write to Steve Bale to tell him to remove ferrets from the allotment	Dee Smith