

RUSHDEN PERMANENT ALLOTMENT AND SMALL HOLDING SOCIETY LIMITED

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Field Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held on Monday 13th May 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		

Apologies:

Anita Medlock, Peter Swindley, Pam Clark,

The minutes for 17th April 2019 discussed and agreed.

Proposed DC
2nd KJ
All Agreed

Update on position with Alexandra Road issues

- The gate was removed from the roadway, but Mr Johnson has put it back.
 - Mr Johnson has put in outline planning permission for two houses on his property in the name of 'Nene Valley Gospel Hall Trust'.
 - RJ made the following suggestions on how to proceed:
 - Write to 'Nene Valley Gospel Hall Trust' asking them to remove the gates that block the road. It was felt that if the applicants are the Gospel Trust ,they will respond
 - Take down the gates again
 - Object to the application giving the standard reply regarding the covenant and its requirements. The agents have previously amended the plans, but not left the required 13 feet verges. There is also a turning point mentioned on the application but no indication as to its position or specific dimensions.
 - It was agreed to await a responses form the Gospel Trust before removing the gates again and RJ to object to the application using the standard reply.
- Action point RJ/DS**
- The second planning application from Spendwood has been amended following our initial objection, which we did not withdraw as they requested.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence

1. Email –A member – Request permission for a greenhouse.

Agreed

2. Letter – A person – Request for plot.

This person has applied for plots on at least 2 prior occasions but the field stewards have been unable to contact her. She had also asked about paying for her plot in instalments. There are currently no available lots on WR. A letter is to be sent to this effect.

Action point DS

3. Letter A member – Request permission for a poly tunnel.

Agreed.

Treasurer's Report

- The actual bank balance now stands at **£9663.96 with £1,020.78** Petty Cash including **£200.00** float for additional work at Washbrook Road.
- We have a final bill for £6,780 for the Garage reconstruction. This will reduce the above bank account figure. Total so far is £16,060.61, including architect and planning fees.
- We have received a number of credits from Anglian Water. They have withdrawn bills from last August and issued new bills for half the amount. JB asked that field stewards provide monthly meter readings in order to track the usage over the next year in case AW continue to issue confusing bills.
- The Bank and Petty Cash balances shown above are actual balances to date.
- DF and JB discussed two member who claim to have paid, but have not. DF will contact them and deal with this.

Field Reports

Highfield Road

- No issued to report this month.

Washbrook Road

- 1st letter required for 3 members
- DF has maintained two plots for members who cannot cultivate their plots due to ill health, but intend to return when well.
- A member has not attended to clear his plot as requested. DF has emailed him to inform him he has moved his property to his own plot and will dispose of it accordingly if the member does not attend to remove it.
- DF proposed to use a 7 pole plot he has cleared as a car park. It was agreed to do so.
- DF gave a 'Thank You' to Chris Tansley for helping him the other day.
- 3 expelled members have not returned their keys as requested. It was agreed a home visit is required.
- KJ mentioned his key was binding, it was suggested he try another key. The locks are not due for replacement yet.

Bedford Road

- RJ had a bumblebee nest removed.
- 1st letter to 2 members and 1 polite letter to another.

Grafton Road /Small Holding

- Nothing to report.

Store/Rota

- The rota for the month was agreed.
- RJ thanked all Committee members responsible for the sales. Last month the sales achieved £1887. More members are attending the store and buying direct from the fields.
- RJ said that there were items not accounted for and reminded the need to be vigilant when at the store when members attend.

Health and Safety

- Nothing to report this month.

Any Other Business

- The speaker evening has been announced on 11th June. Members have already been emailed and posters displayed. Ticket applications are already in progress. It is assumed the Mayor will attend.
- Party in the Park is 13th July.
- It was agreed that dates would be agreed to ask for members at WR for help erecting the barbed wire on the fences. This will be early September. An email to be sent in advance to fore warn members.

Action point RJ

Meeting Closed: 20:30

Date of next meeting Wednesday 3rd July at 7:00pm

Signed_____

Counter signed_____

Date _____

Action points Meeting 13th May 2019		
Subject	Action required	Who to action
Alexandra Road issues	Object to planning permission application by Nene Valley Gospel Hall Trust'	Russell Jarvis
Alexandra Road issues	Write to Nene Valley Gospel Hall Trust' requesting them to remove the gate blocking the road.	Dee Smith
Secretary's report and correspondence	Write to a person regarding unavailability of plot	Dee Smith
Any Other business	Email WR members to forewarn that help will be required in September to erect the barbed wire on the fences	Russell Jarvis