

Minutes of the Allotment Society meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall, Back Road, Sandhurst.

Present: David and Toni Rogers
Kevin Farrant
George and Shirley Cramp
Mary and Gordon Hiscock
Patsy Hiscock
Mick and Sheila O'Rourke
Chris and Teresa Breckon
Jill Oliphant (PC Rep)
Gill Hale (PC liaison)

Apologies: David Cross
John and Jo Gillingham
Kathy and Doug Maynard

Matters Arising: Gill told the meeting that there was now only one plot (1b) which was empty. Kevin Farrant had taken over 5c and d and Tom Deacon had taken plot 4c.

Jill Oliphant said that she would be inspecting the plots in mid-May to see which ones were being tended and which neglected. Graham Fisher's plots (5a and b) were mentioned as ones which had not been cultivated either this year or last year as yet. People at the meeting who knew Graham were asked to mention it to him when they saw him. Gill had sent him an email last week about the problem but had received no response. The weeds will run rampant over other plots if they are allowed to flourish.

Gill told the meeting that a new PC clerk, Catherine Catt, was now in post.

Gill mentioned that in the April 2018 Minutes the PC was to be asked to pay for the cutting of the hedge to the right-hand side of the allotment every year. Jill Oliphant said she would check that this was the case and would initiate it in the autumn. Chris Breckon suggested that the hedge be cut severely so that the plot holders could manage the upkeep in future years.

David Rogers was thanked for turning on the water again and filling the troughs. He said there had been no leaks this year.

Any Other Business: David Rogers told the meeting that some fence panels had been stolen from his plot (4a and b) within the last week. Mary mentioned that a white van had been seen recently on the road leading to the allotment. It was not recognisable as any of the plot holders' vehicles. It was suggested that Gill contact Kathy Maynard in case it belonged to her family and report back to the plot holders. Shirley said that she had lost two chairs a couple of years' ago. No further action would be taken.

Kevin asked if he would be allowed to keep bees on his plot. He was told that it was allowed.

Mary asked if she would be allowed to keep chickens and/or quails. Jill Oliphant said she would check with the PC if it was.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm.