

Minutes of Fairfields Garden Allotments Committee 01/02

Attendees: Louise Marshall LM (plot 1), Sarah Chatters SC (Plot 8), Helen Armstrong HA (plot 23)
Tony Lavers TL (Plot 10) Felicity Chapple FC (Plot 13)

Apologies: Vivienne Ravenhill VR (plot 18)

Next Meeting : 10th March 2011 Borough Arms

1. Review and acceptance of last meeting's minutes:

- a. Approved

2. Stewards Report:

- a. Tony Lavers to provide a general site update for each meeting

3. Chairmans Update:

- a. No significant update due to change of HAHA/ML/Fairfields meetings
- b. Marlborough have expressed an interest in the set up of HAHA with a view to using the same strategy for a new site acquired by Marlborough Town Council
- c. Hungerford Town Council was notified of Bob Pullen's resignation at the last council meeting.
- d. Look for interesting growing techniques for up coming plants e.g. Runner Beans growing on the outside of a trellis. Different methods for joining canes (Tennis Balls). **FC to check for inclusion into next news letter.**
- e. Close nit mesh for Brassica protection available from Derek Loft (HAHA). **LM Include in next news letter**
- f. Shed 9: Contact the council to arrange removal of personal items. **FC: Ongoing will have an update next month**
- g. Use of uncultivated land as potential new plots: **Weather to bad to check. Will do so in the spring.**
- h. Pallets for General Compost area: **LM to advise when pallets are available for collection from the Pet Shop and will co-ordinate collection.**
- i. News letter to include reminder that annual rents will be due soon. **LM**
- j. Check with HAHA (Belinda) that HAHA will send reminders to the fairfields community, reminder should include a note requesting early notification for plots no longer required. **FC**
- k. Fairfields/SH copy contract: Ongoing, will request copy during the HAHA meeting. **FC**
- l. Water Butts: Check collection status from Newbury Council with TDT at the HAHA meeting. **FC**
- m. Plaque Photo: Include to fact sheet 5 and send photo to Belinda. **FC**
- n. Community Shed: Padlock now obtained by TL. TL will require payment. **LM/FC to swap padlock for all to be able to access.**
- o. AONB Expenditure Report: **HA to discuss with VR**
- p. HTC Grant: Agreed that Fairfields has no requirement for a grant at this stage. No application will be made.

4. Treasurer Report and Financial Situation:

- a. See email from VR

5. AOB:

- a.** Work day (requires arranging) activities to include:
 - i.** Erection of chicken wire (left on site) to prevent people mindlessly pulling plants from the path side entrance to the allotments.
 - ii.** Site tidy up
 - iii.** Water Butt Connections
 - iv.** Clean Roof
 - v.** Install Letter/Suggestion box
- b.** Next News letter:
 - i.** Include plant sale for May.