

# HAHA Committee Minutes

## 07/07/14 – Meeting

### **Present:**

Geoff Greenland, Ted Angell, John Stanley, Tony Lavers, Zoe Hindle, Derek Loft, Forbes Stephenson

### **Apologies:**

Belinda Robinson, Derek Loft

### **Matters Arising**

All rent collected

### **Treasurers Report**

#### **Expenditure since meeting on 3rd June 2014**

ML: £455.15

FF: £53.45

HAHA none - auditor's invoice still outstanding

#### **Performance against spending limits as at 25 June 2014**

ML: Limit £1750. Spend to date £518.84

FF: Limit £220. Spend to date £53.45

### **Income**

£156 rent received - at this point income will fall below target due to number of ML plots vacant. This is not sufficient to reduce spending targets. Two late payments of rent and further letting of plots will mean that income target will be achieved.

**Total assets** HAHA (HAHA+ML+FF) £3516.52 (inc ML £2038.31; FF £807.57)

### **Groundworks**

We need to have a clear approach to empty plots. Strim, spray, rotavate and use ground cover. Decision has been made to buy a sprayer and Geoff will spray early morning. Information packs for new starters so they are aware of their responsibilities and do not underestimate the work involved.

An idea that may be some sort of “Buddy” may help with some new allotment holders.

### **Roundup** Done

**Fairfields:** Strimmed and sprayed. Geoff to contact plots 5 and 6 as gentle reminder

look at plot 11

**Marsh Lane:** Covers back on water troughs and revarnished. Start to tidy 9 plots that are empty. Fence gate entrance to be repaired. Scrap tables on the community area as now too dangerous, ask for donations. Geoff to supply one table. Precarious storage of tools (long forks) in the container, a notice required. Container needs a coat of Hammerite paint. Rabbits seen on the west side of the site.

**Waiting List:** Marsh Lane, one person on the list. Fairfields, none

### **Britain In Bloom.**

Independent judge – Shannon Car for judging on 12/07/14

Fairfields – 4 Plots

Marsh Lane – 10 plots

HTC will give judges lunch at The Plume and gardeners a cash donation to a charity of their choice.

### **JOG School Shakespeare Festival 18/07/14 – 4pm to 7pm**

Agreed to participate and have a stall and use Food Festival promotional material.

Acquire vegetables from Marsh Lane for display. Geoff to sort out Gazebo.

### **Building a business case for staying at Marsh Lane.**

HTC are looking at 7 pieces of land on our behalf.

We need to achieve a decent length of lease to attract more Allotment Holders.

We have acknowledged the Briefing Paper and thanked Geoff and Ted for the amount of work that went into it.

We thank Ted and HTC for their efforts. The Business case paper was supported by the committee.

Everyone to identify the time spent on HAHA activities excluding committee time and own plot workings. Ted to include all his time as Treasurer.

### **Any other business**

Encourage people to use the mower and not just their own patch.

Geoff to trim & spray as necessary

**Date of next meeting** 02/09/14

