

Frodsham Town Allotments Association

Minutes of Meeting Held at the Bulls Head Frodsham on September 22nd 2014

Present: Peter Vickery, Brian Twiss, Cara Balshaw, Andrew and Angela Pennington, Malcolm and Maggie Davies, Andrew Hendry

Apologies from Dave Thomas and Steve McEntee.

All Subscriptions have now been collected and affiliation fees will now be paid.

Not everyone had seen the Kings Seeds catalogue and details of the Eccies Club supplies. Note, the details are included on the email along with these minutes.

Peter Vickery had asked for a precise breakdown from the Town Council on where the subscription money was spent. Sadly, the breakdown was not currently available, but the advice from the Town Clerk was that the money expended by the Council probably exceeded the income from rents.

Caroline Ashton has now joined the Town Council committee that oversees allotments and might be a good contact.

Members also noted the following:

A couple of questions are still outstanding, concerning the legal status of the sites and funding for post boxes on the sites, Peter will pursue these with the Town Council. Members had been reluctant to pursue the idea of green bins at each site.

The situation at London Road was unchanged, further information is awaited.

The meeting was happy with the current relationship with the Town Council in that they look after the administration and the perimeters and plot holders look after the plots themselves and the internal paths. There was no apparent desire by the Council for further devolution of powers and the conclusion of the meeting was that nothing need be done by ourselves to change the position.

Malcolm suggested that the Association should seek some legal advice from the Allotment Association in case this situation were to change in the future. Peter would contact Andrea Hallissey and discuss a possible meeting so that members could put their questions.

No work had been done recently on perimeter hedges and Peter undertook to contact Linda Brown to propose that last year's autumn walk around of the 3 sites was repeated to identify any work that was required. It was suggested that photographs could be taken at each of the sites and posted on the web page. Peter would pass this idea onto Steve.

Recognising that plot holders were looking after the internal footpaths on the sites, there was some discussion around safety issues. There was a concern that we aren't doing enough to prevent accidents by way of path maintenance and possible upgrades to paths as well as personal protection. Peter would include this in his note to Linda Brown and ask Andrea Hallissey at the Association if there was some generic advice..

The meeting was then closed and the next meeting would be on a Monday in November, same time and location; exact date to be advised.