

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL



## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of the Allotments Committee held at 5.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Somercotes Village Hall.**

**Persons Present:** Cllr B Lyttle (Chairman); S Massey (Interim Clerk to the Council); M Hopkinson (Chair – Birchwood Allotments Association); C. Addison-Lees (Treasurer & acting Secretary – Birchwood Allotments Association); G Butt (Secretary – Sleetmoor Allotments Association)

**.AC/1/2015: Apologies:** J Smith; C Hibbitt (Bridle Lane Allotments Association)

**AC/2/2015: Previous Minutes:** The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 meeting RESOLVED as a true record

**AC/3/2015: Matters Arising:**  
**Sleetmoor Lane – Protective Entrance Markings**

SM to chase up response with DCC.

**Drunken Close – Hard Standing Area**

Unsure if GB got costs for this work. SM and Cllr Lyttle to visit to ascertain what is required, before costs for work sought.

**AC/5/2015: Tenancy Agreements**  
**Bridle Lane Allotments** - have not returned Agreements for this year, rent has not been paid due 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. SM to chase up by letter.

**Sleetmoor Allotments** – Agreements signed and will be dropped off at Parish Council Office.

**Birchwood Lane Allotments** – Agreements signed and deposited with Parish Council Office.

**Vermin Control**

Birchwood reported that have used Chris on a couple of occasions. Sleetmoor have been unable to make contact. C Addison-Lees to pass contact details to G Butt.

**AC/6/2015: Jim Spibey Memorial Competition:**

SM to organise judging date with Chris Beal. Children's competition to be judged at same time. Prizes previously agreed.

Following judging SM to purchase plaques and arrange engraving. SM to arrange Presentation Evening late September.

**AC/8/2015: Review of Allotment capacity & availability of plots:**

**Birchwood Lane:** 4 Full Plots

**Sleetmoor Lane:** 3 Full and 1 half Plot

**Bridle Lane:** To advise

**AC/9/2015: Projects:**

**2014-15: Project Updates**

**Birchwood Lane:**

C Addison-Lees said that they are ready to go with fencing but new toilets take priority. Toilet facility at present is too expensive to maintain. Submitted a proposal for new wooden building eco compost toilets: Minimal overheads; disabled access; eco friendly. Cllr Lyttle to pass to AVBC Planning to see what permission is required and also for fencing. C Addison-Lees to source funding opportunities. Proposal to be put before September Council meeting.

Asked if there is any availability of old wheelie bins at AVBC. Cllr Lyttle to check.  
Open Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. C Addison-Lees to pass the letter used last year to SM to update for this year.

**Sleetmoor Lane: Management Plan:**

Large skip required to clear remaining area. SM to find out cost and to organise. G Butt to let SM know in advance of when required.

Wildlife plan progressing, looking at hedgehog release project. Setting up a meeting re Work Party  
G Butt advised that equipment with Council funding is stored in locked container to be used on Work Party days.

Hedge laying not yet done.

**AC/10/2015: AOB  
Drunken Close**

SM advised that a letter had been received by one of the tenants regarding fence damage.  
Cllr Lyttle and SM to assess if any damage when visiting re Hard Standing.

C Addison-Lees asked who cuts the grass on the cart track. Advised to check with Cllr J McCabe.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm