

Minutes of the Open Evening of the Chesham Allotments Group

Thursday 14th April, at the Town Hall, Chesham

Officers Present:

Allen Tilbury (Chairman)
Robin Plumridge
Yvonne Webster
Vince Crompton (Vice Chairman)
David Page
Kate Hobbs
Yvonne Webster
Jim Abbott

Apologies:

Bill Richards (Town clerk)
Andrew Sinclair
Andrew Reynolds (Treasurer)
Chris Challis
Marjorie MacEachern
Sarah Saunders

Approval of Minutes from public meeting held on April 15th, 2010:

Proposed - Kate Hobbs

Seconded - Kate Folly

Accepted

Matters arising

Phil Folly raised the issue of the continued over-filling of the paper recycling bins. Also, the Bins lid can flip open in windy weather. To be referred to Bill Richards.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Allen thanked the allotments group for their support together with the support of the allotment holders for all the events in the year

Thanks to Bill Richards, Bob Ayres, for their continued support and the committee members: Francis Holly, Jill Walker

35 new tenants 60 on Cameron Road waiting list, 23 on the Ashridge Road list.

Chesham in Bloom to be supported in July

Thanks to Andrew Sinclair for preparation of the induction/welcome pack. pack to be sent out to the top 10 names on the waiting list. copies available at this meeting

Allotment judging early June, late July by members of the CHS. AT has donated a new cup for holders of half plots. A new roll of honour plaque has been set up.

Allotment Watch

Kate Hobbs asked for email addresses for anyone wishing to be added to the notification list. She reminded members to ensure that she is notified of vandalism and other events so that Kate can notify the Allotment Watch members.

Web Site

- Kate described the site verbally and asked for contributions and support.
- Phil asked for a new web page to contain meeting minutes
- Thanks to Kate for the Grower and website, to Rob Craig from Millipedia, and to Yvonne
- Thanks go to David for taking on the Grower in Kate's absence

Focal Point and Hut

- Thanks to Larry and Lorraine Faulkner for their excellent work in landscaping the area behind the hut.
- The hut and Focal Point is available for allotment holders to use at an time, please use it.

Treasurers Report

See attached Statement

Proposed Chris Hickling

Seconded Jim Abbott

Activity Organisers Report

- Tickets still available for the Quiz night this Saturday
- Excellent Open Day Support, a lovely picture was supplied by Dave Saunders for the raffle
- Cheese and Wine evening with very well supported raffle
- Coffee mornings raise good money, but need more volunteers
- Suggestions for new events are welcome
- Articles for The Grower are needed, especially from new allotment holders
- Members are reminded of the toilet now available on Cameron Road

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Allen invited allotment holders to consider standing for the Allotments Group Committee

Any Other Business

Mike Allenby stated that the first judging of the best kept allotments will be 15th June, followed by a second review on 27th July. A large plot is greater than or equal to 8 poles. 40 marks for varieties, 40 marks for quality, 20 for general tidiness. Scores for winners can be 170-180. Small plots will be scored separately from the large plots.

Vince has supplied a cup for newcomers which he would like to be remembered as the Chairman's Cup

Allen, on 19th May, awards to be made at the mayoral inauguration include nominations for Vince Crompton for the peoples award.

Vince asked for volunteers for the coffee mornings

Vince asked allotment holders to grow produce for the Open Day on 13th August, to be delivered to the plot the night before

Vince gave his closing remarks as vice chair. He said what a good job new allotments olders are doing, we have an good community and lok forward to continued support from members including both Cameron and Ash ridge road members.

May 7th and September 10th - coffee mornings at Ashridge Road

May 7th - there will be a working party at Ashridge Road to clear hedging, with equipment supplied by the Council, from 09:00 through until 14:00. Volunteers are needed. Notices will be posted. NB. No power tools are allowed. Please wear suitable footwear.

First coffee morning starts on 15th April, through until 16th October