

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Allotment AGM Minutes

The meeting was held on the 13 June 2018 in The Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield

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To Councillors W.Bathurst, Cllr Laverack

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council

Councillor Bathurst

15 allotment holders and members of the public

1. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced details of fire arrangements should the building need to be evacuated.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Maria Coote and Jane Whittles

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous AGM on the 26th June 2017 were distributed and approved.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Bathurst spoke of the new rentals, and how different a position from last year when there were several vacancies. One plot was discussed and a cultivation letter to be sent. Cllr Bathurst spoke of another unworked plot and her concerns for the holder, that everything was ok as this was unusual, and we did not want to send a cultivation letter if the holder was suffering ill health.

Cllr Bathurst spoke of the new lock she had fitted to the gate going into the football field. The code had been given to the football club.

5. ACCOUNTS

Clllr Bathurst informed holders that the Tennis Club now have a new lease ,having been negotiated at a higher rate of £500.

They were previously paying the equivalent of 4 full plots.

OPEN FORUM

- A holder asked if the shady plots as requested last year could be a cheaper rate.
 Cllr Bathurst informed the holders that this had been an agenda item at a council meeting and decided all rents should remain the same.
- Cllr Bathurst asked holders if they would like a competition again this year. All were
 in favour. The judge last year was from Kings Langley and has a diploma in
 horticulture. It was stated that the prize vouchers were funded by the Parish Council
 and not allotment funds.
- 3. A holder was concerned that the allotment gate had been left open. This was discovered at 7.15 on 3 mornings. It was requested laminated signs are put on the gates and all holders are also emailed as a reminder.

 The Clerk to undertake this.
- Several holders spoke of the bad language coming from the tennis courts, and The Football Club.
 Cllr Bathurst will speak to both parties.
- 5. A holder commented on 2 taps running badly as a result of the pipe becoming kinked due to uneven ground. Cllr Bathurst said she would look into this but anticipated a mini digger is needed.
- 6. A holder reminded us that the hedge needed to be cut again. Cllr Bathurst informed holders the work would be carried out after the 1st September due to the birds nests.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Refreshments followed the meeting