**MINUTES OF FAA COMMITTEE 02/03/2023**

Present at 8 Colneis Road - Nev Farthing (Host), Steve Brewer, Claire Smith, Peter Constable, Keith Horn, Guy Pearce, Ray Martin.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

 John Austin, Paul Filby.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted as distributed.

It is noted that Paul Filby has decided to stand down from the committee, a replacement will be decided at the forthcoming AGM.

Guy has confirmed he is continuing as Treasurer and has prepared a finance summary. Hugh May may be able to assist with auditing.

We still have a rat and rabbit problem although 26 rabbits and several rats have been dispatched. Our marksman is in operation.

Ferry road toilets have had a servicing problem as the service wagon was too big to access the toilet, since resolved utilising a smaller vehicle.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 3.1 Potato & Seed orders**

All completed and went well.

It is proposed that weed suppressant membrane is sold in the shop, Guy will specify and source.

**Item 3.2 CP one way trial**

Trial in progress and going well with minimum negative comments and people are adhering to the rules. Trial ends on 13th April when it will likely become permanent.

**Item 3.3 Road Repairs**

Plannings located at CP have been broken up and are ready to lay.

Guy suggested best use would be on the exit road where they could be used to fill and camber the track to prevent water laying.

Ferry Road would benefit from additional materials including Geotextile to improve tracks. FTC had earlier indicated that materials may be procured assuming end of FY funding availability, minimum of one bag required, to be progressed at the next FTC/FAA meeting on 7th March. Dates for working party tba.

**Item 3.4 Allitlements**

Sixteen plots have mostly been rented out.

Tenants are requesting access to water supply to be improved, additional tap and a central water tank with ball cock filler was suggested.

One plot leased was congested with laurel roots making it unworkable, FTC have since cleared the roots.

The Grove Medical centre together with FTC have been allocated one plot to assist with well being initiatives. This opens from 7th March and they are looking for help in managing, this may generate issues going forwards but will no doubt be brought up at the next FTC/FAA meeting.

**Item 3.5 Booklet**

Soft copy has been circulated to the committee of a beginners guide to allotments.

Source material was borrowed from Ipswich Allotments and Nev facilitated its rebadging in FAA format. Amazon can reproduce at £3.70 a copy and the Police printing service via Nev can do the same at 90p a copy. Ipswich Allotments have since confirmed that there are no copyright issues with written consent since being received from Tim Fiddy, Chair Ipswich Allotments. It was decided to proceed with ordering 100 copies for new FAA members and sale in the shop.

1. **PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Next meetingTuesday 7th March, 11.00 at the Town Hall.

Agenda to include:

Plot vacancies/ inspection dates

New amended tenancy agreement./chickens

Prevalence of hard landscaping

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

 Current Account £3235

 Deposit Account £11454

Cash £145 plus £235 bills to pay.

285 paid up members to date out of 491 individual plots.

There is no need to increase subs, the association is in a healthy financial position with the shop seen to make a reported £665 profit.

Increased shop prices are now implemented.

1. **EVENTS**

BBQ events are proposed for July and September, details to be sorted nearer the time, likely to be bring your own to cook.

The Christmas coffee morning at CP was well attended.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Allotment Tenancy agreement has been revised by FTC, we need to understand the agreement process for revisions, may be that it is acceptance on yearly renewal of tenancy

**DONM**

FAA AGM - 23rd March 2023 OFCA with cheese and wine and quiz, note sent out.

FAA - Tuesday - 2nd May 2023 - 19.30 - 8 Colneis Road