**MINUTES OF FAA COMMITTEE 21/03/2024**

Present at 8 Colneis Road - Nev Farthing (Host), Claire Smith, Claire Mackinder, John Austin, Paul Weavers, Keith Horn, Ray Martin, Steve Brewer, Peter Constable.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Guy Pearce

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted as distributed.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 3.1 Plot 39 Fencing**

Completed at a materials cost of £1164.

**Item 3.2 Shop**

Spare potatoes have all been sold.

A compost supplier has been found, Walnes seeds, who can supply pallets of Clover compost. First pallet has been received and it is selling well, a second pallet will be ordered.

Ray Martin will be able to supply us with two 25kg bags of BFB fertiliser.

A reminder will be sent out regarding the members 50% discount available from Kings seeds.

**Item 3.3 Food and Farming Forum**

East Suffolk Council growing kits are available from the library. These are free and consist of a selection of seeds and modular growing cells. Design to encourage growing aimed at Schools and similar organisations.

**Item 3.4 New Road signs**

A post and sign has been removed, presumed stolen and subsequently found thrown in a hedge in Candlet road. Consideration was given to concreting it back in place, however it was decided to replace it as was with a “sign stolen sign” and observe what happens next

**Item 3.5 Summer Car Parking**

FTC have agreed to clear plots 152/153 as they are not suitable for growing and allocate them as additional summer car parking as a trial. If this is successful it could be made permanent.

1. **PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

The waiting list was reviewed.

FTC are amending the tenancy agreement to further define the number of single plots a tenant can hold . Additionally they are looking to refine the way plot allocation happens when existing tenants request additional plots that have been previously shared or are adjacent, this is ongoing.

FAA will request a further 10 tonnes of repair materials as the road surfaces are wearing badly in places.

Cockerills at CP are scheduled to be removed by the end of April.

NFGN - FAA will produce a formal proposal, there is a further meeting on 30/4 at 18.00. Guy and Nev will input stating the need to include additional allotment space as part of the overall plan. The consultation concludes in August in time for September planning.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Current Account £640.51

Deposit Account £14635.13

Toilet invoices and Fencing costs to pay.

318 Membership renewals, 100 Facebook Users.

1. **EVENTS**

Coffee and cake will continue on the third Saturday of the month commencing 20th April 2024.

AGM to be held on the 28th March 2024, with cheese and wine together with a quiz.

Paul Weavers will be proposed to take the Treasurer's role as Guy will be standing down but will stay on the committee.

Other committee members are stating their intention to continue.

Claire Smith will sort out the Cheese and Nev will sort out the wine.

Angela is organising the quiz.

OFCA Summer Fair, 8th June, Shared table with Garden Club

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Two 20m sections of hedging have been severely pruned to a height of 1m along the Abbey grove side of CP. This has now stopped and it is noted that this will make CP security worse than it is currently.

Langer Road School has requested assistance with garden planning.

They have been provided with information regarding the East Suffolk Growing kits and additionally resources available from the RHS

Ferry Road pedestrian gate lock has been reported faulty as its operation is temperamental, to be reported to FTC, Tom Minns.

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Tuesday 4th June - 19:00 - 8 Colneis Road