**MINUTES OF FAA COMMITTEE 16/01/2024**

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Peter Constable

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted as distributed.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 3.1 Ferry Road Gate**

Now complete, new post installed and metal badger plate ready to install. The FAA contributed cost for the post, £73.90.

**Item 3.2 Solar Panels**

 Nev has discussed with a local trusted solar panel installer.

An island installation of 3 to 4 panels is unlikely to supply sufficient power to meet requirements, coupled with the likely battery charging and reliability issues this has been discounted as a solution. UK Power will be approached as it has been suggested they may be able to lay on a power feed to the site.

**Item 3.3 Potato and Onion Orders**

Potato order has arrived and they are ready for collection, there are a few spares which will be offered for sale.

Onions have also arrived, and a 30 kg sack is ready for distribution.

The shop will be open this coming Saturday 20th 9.30 - 12.30 to allow orders to be collected, note to go out to membership.

**3.4 Plot 39 Fencing**

The fence at Plot 39 is in a poor state of repair and requires replacement.

It was agreed to procure concrete posts and panels from B&M concrete as we have a contact there. Cost approximately £1500.

Any reclaimed panels will be used to effect repairs to the side facing onto Terry Good’s plot

**3.5 Felixstowe North Garden Neighbourhood**

A meeting at FTC attended by Nev and Guy discussed the above which is basically a 25 - 30 year plan to develop land north of Felixstowe between Conway Close and the Dock Spur roundabout to include 1500 houses and new leisure facilities.

A project team has been set up consisting of Suffolk Council and a team of consultants with members of the public being offered the opportunity to apply to be part of the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood Consultancy Panel. The project incorporates a “green” approach to the development.

Drawing and a TOR were produced..

At present there is no impact on allotment sites, however with likely increasing demand for allotment space it was agreed that the future of allotment sites should be encouraged to be included in the plans.

There is a meeting at the Orwell hotel on Sat 3rd Feb where plans will be presented, people are being encouraged to attend.

1. **PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

There has been no update from Persimmon via FTC regarding the delay in planting the boundary fence area or fencing proposals.

Felixstowe in Flower results were announced.

Cockerills were discussed, present at both FR and TR sites. They will be removed by the end of April.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

 Current Account £516.09

 Deposit Account £15577

Cash Toilet invoices to pay

301 (soon to be 304) 2024 membership renewals to date.

Guy will be formally standing down at the AGM with Paul taking on the role, Guy and Paul are working towards the handover. We have one FAA committee meeting scheduled prior to agree agenda. Accounts will be circulated ahead of the AGM scheduled for 28th March

1. **EVENTS**

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

OFCA 25th January - Retired Detective Roy Lambert a talk on murder investigation.

OFCA 29th February - Wartons Roses Diss.

The last OFCA meeting will be the AGM to be held on the 28th March 2024, with cheese and wine together with a quiz.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Two plots by CP Pedestrian Gate are being cleared by Andy from the FTC team, the area is of limited use as allotments due to roots and trees and consideration could be given to use the area to extend car parking. This has previously been discussed by Jennine and was mentioned again by Tom, ongoing to be discussed.

Stolen Road signs

Two more have been removed, believed stolen, three to date. Nev to arrange replacement at a cost of £8 and we are to look toward making their removal more difficult.

Food and Farming Forum

Claire has forwarded an invitation to an event held by the East Suffolk Green Print Forum on 28th March at Saxmundham.

It's a talk and there may be a couple of places available to get there if anyone is interested. Further info available from Claire Smith.

NHS Plot

We have been approached regarding wheelchair and water access from the existing plot. The issue was discussed and it was decided there was nothing we could offer in the existing location, significant funding would be required to effect change.

The plot is not being particularly well utilised.

 Bean poles from Abbey Grove are being made available in bundles of eight.

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Thursday 21st March - 19:00 - 8 Colneis Road