

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

11th March 2008

Present Cllrs. S.Walford (Chairman), G.Clark & J.Burgess (representing Cllr. Waterfield), with the representatives of three Allotment Fields – Mrs. Cheale (Folly) Mr. Wing (Glebe) and Mr. Wade (Hitchins)

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Brewster & Waterfield.

In attendance – The Clerk Mrs. B. Green

- 1) Baxendale - A new allotment plot has been created and offered to a new tenant. A number will be installed at the plot shortly. (No. 37).
- 2) Waiting List – There are currently 12 people of the waiting list for Hitchins/Glebe Fields and one at Baxendale.
- 3) Folly - a) A barrier/gate is needed near plot no. 18. Clerk to contact the Parish Council's contractor.
b) Trees and bushes - The laurel bush has been cut back. Ask tenant of plot no.10 to remove Christmas trees. The chestnut tree has been cut back.
c) Plot no. 29. Letter to go to Mr. Clifford Smith informing him that the lease will not be offered to him for the next season.
d) Tenants of plots No2. 2 & 4 to be asked to keep their dogs on a lead.
e) Mrs. Cheale is one of the District Council's Tree Guardians and she brought along a leaflet in which she was featured. This was passed to the editor of The Pump.
- 4) Glebe a) Four extra plots have now been created. Parish Council's contractor to rotate these plots.

5) Hitchins Field - a) A very strong letter is to go to the tenants of un-maintained plots. (No.2, 59, 60, 62, 34, 42 7 43, 81).
The tenant of plot no.2 cannot have a renewal for 2008/09 as this is the second plot which has not been cultivated.
The tenant of plot No.7 only wants half of this plot.
b) Car Parking Area - If the tarmac is squared off three half plots can be made.
c) The old pear tree should be removed from allotment 73/70. Letter to go to tenant.
Mr. Dawes to be asked to remove the conifers.
d) The water tap needs repairing and a quotation for extending the waterpipe to the bottom plots to be obtained.
e) The gate struts need to be repaired.
f) A skip is to be organised for the Easter period.

g) New taps needed at the bottom of Glebe & Hitchens

h) Plots to be squared off as many are out of alignment. (Chairman will contact Mr. Dawes to explain.

- 5) Grazing – all tenants are renewing their leases.
- 6) E-mails & telephone numbers to be requested on Allotment Renewal notices. Also a line to be added informing tenants that if they need any advice they can contact the representatives of the fields.
- 7) Allotment Prizes - Ayletts Nursery to be contacted again re supplying gift vouchers. Clerk to inform the company that this year the prizes will be given out at Village Day therefore many more people will be aware of Ayletts. If the company supplies posters we can put them up around the hall.
- 8) Competition Judging - Members of the committee will arrange a date to walk around the four allotment sites.
- 9) 2010 Charter – This will be kept on the agenda for members to come forward with ideas
- 10) Date of Next Meeting - 10th June 2008