

Winterton Allotment Group

Meeting Friday 13th July 2018 in Winterton Community Pavilion at 7pm

Present: Lisa Newstead (Town Clerk)
Cllr Vicky Mumby
Mr Ken Howden
Mr Pete Thomas
Ms Lesley Celini
Mr Phil Johnson
Mr John Chidwick
Miss Kirstie Cascino
Mr Ian Knight
Mr Jim Waites

Welcome: The Town Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Vicky Mumby, the Mayor of Winterton to the group.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Michael Hill and Mr Rod Williams.

Recap of actions from previous meetings:

- i) Holders had agreed to get involved in the National Allotment week from the 13th August, welcoming visitors to their allotments and speaking to residents on what it's like to have an allotment and the work involved. The date was previously planned for Saturday 18th August; however this has been changed to Wednesday 15th August, from 1pm until 3pm. A poster will be designed to alert local people of the event. Anyone wishing to sell excess produce for a donation to the Allotment group may do so during the event.
- ii) LN asked for feedback on the new Winterton in Bloom newsletter, and holders agreed it was a great addition to the magazine and made good reading.
- iii) Holders were still keen to get involved in the In Bloom Presentation in September and Lesley agreed to organise a free giveaway from Allotment holders in the shape of small jars of jam or other produce. The Pavilion kitchen can be made available if required.

Points raised by Council

- i) It had been brought to our attention that a wasp's nest was found in between two plots, this was dealt with by PJ. Thank you.

Points raised by Allotment Holders:

- i) Holders raised concern over plots not being worked. LN reassured holders that plots that were taken but not being worked, the office was in discussions with holders and any vacant plots were available to rent and the being offered to residents on the waiting list.
Action: WTC
- ii) The padlock on the wheelbarrows at the top of the site had been removed by Council staff due to it breaking but had not been replaced.
Action: WTC
Holders asked for an update on the community allotment idea. LN explained that it is still something that Winterton 2022 is considering as part of the Incredible Edible project.
- iii) JW asked if any action was taken to install a hedge down the right hand side of the area. LN explained the plants they were looking at would take 20years + to grow to a decent size so we are looking at alternative faster growing hedges.
Action: WTC

Any other business:

KH offered to help Council staff trim the ditch at the rear of the Allotments. LN thanked KH for his assistance with this matter.

JW asked if NLC still do weed spraying around the paths etc. as the area around Coates Avenue needed doing.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 12th October, 2018 at 7.00pm, Winterton Community Pavilion.