



Minutes Meeting

12 May 2022

Apologies from Ian Powell and Syd Nye received.

Present Richard Zealley; John Vickers; Elizabeth Davies

1. Minutes of previous meeting agreed and accepted.
2. The inclusion of the Allotment Association's presence at this year's events for the village was welcomed. For this event we are to join with the traditional plant stall under the umbrella of the Association, may be something to think about in the future if we are to raise the profile of the Association within the Village. Given time constraints between now and the event, 05 June, ideas were tabled as to how to fill the stall. Elizabeth has quite a number of plants but we need to supplement this with items provided by the Association itself. Ideas ranged from planting up all potatoes left from the potato competition; through Rhubarb for sale; to spare veg plants suitably planted either as seeds in trays or pricked out in pots. This is an ideal situation for the Association. Members attention to be directed to these minutes plus a separate communication to be sent out to all, **Richard to organise**. Also discussed as to whether Joe Lofthouse, who has already been invited, would be willing to be available to answer any gardening questions posed by the villagers who attend. If this is possible then the organisers wished to be informed as they wanted to include his name on their future communications, **JV to monitor and take forward as appropriate**.
3. Also discussed as part of what we could do for 2 above is a series of photos of the plots as a whole from their start in 2007, as well as the two new plot holders and what they have achieved since they started. Richard to liaise with the plotholders to obtain their photos

then all to be made available for Wed 1 June for decision on layout and work on captions.

JV to organise Pub for meeting and Boards for mounting and **Richard for photos**.

4. Association asked if we wanted to help in the purchase of a “Village” outdoor professional cooking facility. Agreement from those present and Ian. Sum of £150.00 to be sent to Mark Gatenby who is masterminding the purchase. **Richard to liaise** and forward funds as and when required.
5. Problems with local wildlife having a feast of vegetables from various plots discussed. Elizabeth volunteered a “wild-life” camera and **Richard to set up** on the plots to see what is happening and report back for agreement on any action required.
6. A.O.B Decided to investigate and take forward if possible Communal Compost bins and bonfire area along the piece of unused land between the northern boundary of the plots and the cricket field/tennis courts. Liaison with Malcolm Barker required to start the ball rolling **Richard and JV to take forward**.

Date and format required for potato competition. **All committee** to discuss at next full meeting. Date to be circulated.

Next meeting of committee with David and Jackie and Marisa and Sean to finalise photos and layout of Picnic stand 1 June at 7pm at Coore Arms.