

Marlborough Allotment Association Committee Meeting at the Roebuck, 15 July 2019

Present: Judy Pitts, Bronwen Brown, Wendy Jackson, Jo Payne, David Levett.

Apologies: Ian Ryman

Follow up from the previous minutes

- Ferret poo: this has not been followed up. With rats still a problem, Judy will send general email out to ascertain if anyone has a ferret or knows anyone who does as a first step. Poss use Facebook?
- Team Tidy: Elcot: Went fairly well with about 8 or 9 people turning up. Strimmers and lawn mowers were brought, paths mown between the plots. Suggested that tea and coffee to be brought for the next one to make it more sociable.
- Team tidy: Stonebridge: Ian to report at next meeting.
- Next Team Tidy date: October 6th 2019 from 10am

Allotment Reports

Town Council Waiting List:

8 people on the waiting list: 2 for Elcot only, 2 All sites (but would prefer St John's) and 4 for either Elcot or Stonebridge.

Elcot: Bindweed growing by tap opposite 4b. Bronwen will sort out.

Fence line has been cleared by council. Area will need torching at some point, but recognise that this not a priority. Next meeting will follow up communication with council.

9b has been reallocated. Starter plots slow progress.

Stonebridge: Noticeboard still there. Two new plots still to be created.

Ian to contact recently allocated plot holders.

Still an issue of overhanging hedges from Vicarage Close and deer. Discuss at next meeting when Ian present.

St John's Close:

Community garden has been created here. V successful. Has been entered into 'It's Your Neighbourhood' section of Marlborough In Bloom. Judging date 23rd July 2019.

Have resolved the issue of lack of water by collecting rainfall from garages into a large tank.

A proposal has been made to the Council for wild flower meadow to be part of Bee Road Project on half plot, currently fallow mound. Sue at the Council wanted to know our thoughts on this.

This was discussed at length. However, as there are two people on the waiting list for St John's, it was agreed that the plot should be offered out. Jo will let TC know of decision of committee.

Noticeboard no longer needed and has been removed.

Facebook: Bronwen will investigate setting up a page for the Allotment Association

Website: It was decided that we should use the link that the Council have and update information on that. The information on the link will inform allotment holders that they are members of the Allotment Association and can make contact by using the email.

Bee/insect friendly plants: Committee felt we should encourage individual plot holders to grow insect/bee friendly plants wherever possible to tie in with the 'Bee Road' initiative with Marlborough Transition. Perhaps make it a theme for 2020. Further discussion on this at next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th September 2019 at Roebuck at 7pm