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ALLOTMENT FORUM 29 SEPTEMBER 2005

1. PRESENT

Councillor Bill Ratcliffe, Plotholders – Helen Brown, Ted Beagley, Les Futchter, Ian Haussauer, Ron Holt, Bob Kingshott, Peter May. Clerk Ann Haussauer.

2. APOLOGIES

Pat & Dick Roberts

3. ALLOTMENT COMPETITIONS

Councillor Ratcliffe presented the allotment cup to Peter May, and congratulated the ploholders on the high standard, and close points score, of the seven entries for the competition.

Results: Ian Haussauer (Plot 6) 254 points, Peter May (Plot 5B) 251 points, Bob Kingshott (Plot 12A) 249 points, Ray Miller (Plot 13B) 229 points, Eva Doggrell (Plot 4A) 220 points, Ron Holt (Plot 2B) 190 points, Ted Beagley (Plot 3B) 184 points.

3. DRAINAGE REVIEW

Following the annual visit to the allotments, the drainage contractor visited the site. Should drainage be required, he has proposed an open drainage ditch inside the boundary fence, along the rear of plots 15B to 18. Area will be kept under review over the winter period.

4. PATHS & BOUNDARIES

At the annual visit several ploholders expressed concern about the condition of the pathways between the plots and it was suggested this be discussed at the forum. The tenancy agreements state that ploholders are responsible for their paths but some keep them well maintained and others are not maintained by the ploholder on either side. It was felt that it would help if path maintenance was clearly identified so that every ploholder knew exactly which areas of path they had to keep clear. Ploholders discussed this in some detail and agreed that each ploholder would be responsible for the paths to the left side of their plot and across the rear. Asst Clerk will send each ploholder a plan showing which path they have to keep maintained.

Plotholders requested that overhanging trees be cut back properly, particularly behind plots 2B and 3B and also those overhanging from David Barfield's land. It was also requested that the outer boundary and ditches be strimmed.

5. SIGNS

Plotholders discussed the problem of the gates being left open, and whether this is caused by plotholders or visitors to the site. A sign will be erected to remind plotholders to lock the gates when they leave. Please let the office know if you notice the gates being left open.

6. PLOTHOLDERS QUERIES

The problem of items being left by the noticeboard was raised. Most present welcomed the opportunity for surplus crops etc being left for others. There is a problem with pots, shelves, boxes etc being left as these just hang around and have to be removed. It was agreed that only produce should be left there, and a note reminding plotholders of this will be put on the noticeboard.

Asst Clerk confirmed a new wheel has been ordered for the large top gate.

Plotholders expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the provision of the allotments and the pleasure they provide.