



## High Wych Allotment Association Committee Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 7.00pm

**Present:** Mike Blight, Barrie Richardson, Martin Greenaway (Chairman), Linda Emanuel, Roger Glynn, Dave Smith (HWPC)

### **Water Taps**

A new handling tap has been fitted at the end of the site so no more water keys. Thank you to Barrie for arranging and fitting. During this very prolonged hot weather we have all had to use more water. Please ensure all taps are turned off and no hosepipes are left running!

### **High Wych Festival**

This will be the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September. Scarecrows can go on display from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. HWAA will be having a stall in the church grounds on the Saturday and any contributions/help on the day would be appreciated. (An e-mail will be sent out nearer the time). Any monies made will be going to the Association funds. Last year you may recall there were also flowers and wellies – this year it is painted hub-caps. Janet Bellingham has asked if one or two can be displayed on our entrance gate and the committee have agreed. I hope some of you will be able to get together and make a scarecrow this year. The Link magazine and village web-site has further details.

### **Hedge Cutting**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 9.00am. We need to cut at the front and back of the site. Grateful for any help on the day please.

### **Greenhouse**

This should be delivered this coming weekend. Later, at a date to be advised we will need to do some groundwork etc on the Association Plot. First task is hedge cutting (as above).

### **Theft**

The committee have had several plot holders inform them produce has been taken from their plots. This is a very serious matter and action will be taken.

Firstly, we are looking to see if the entrance gate can be automatically locked when you close it. It has been reported to us on some evenings it has been found unlocked. If we are able to do this all plot holders will have to be responsible and remember to have their allotment key with them at all times as you will need a key to leave the site.

There has been a check of the fencing etc around the perimeter of the site and wire netting is available for any repairs. Please see Barrie

We are also investigating the use of mobile cameras to monitor the site – the location of these will only be known to one person.

Association funds are being used for any security improvements to the site and the committee is currently getting quotes for work to be done as quickly as possible.

We are sorry for anyone who has been distressed at having their produce stolen.

### **WW1 Centenary**

Linda to contact Chris Smith with regard to having large red poppies on the entrance gate. There will be other displays around the village and events will be advertised.

### **Seeds**

Barrie should be receiving the Kings catalogue mid-August and would like to get orders in end October (asap) to get 5% discount.

### **HWPC**

Dave Smith has confirmed there will be no increase in the allotment rent. Letters will be going out to plot holders in September and payment will be required 1<sup>st</sup> October. Our grant is likely to be reduced to £100 as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. This is due to hiring a clerk for the Parish Council.

### **AGM**

The date of our next Annual General Meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm – High Wych Memorial Hall (Green Room). We hope you can attend.

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***Linda Emanuel***

***HWAA Secretary***