

**Minutes of a meeting of the Allotment Committee**  
**Held on 9 December 2013**

**Present:-** Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, A. Weightman & I. Baty. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Gordon Baker & Frank Denard.

**643** **Apologies:-** Cllr. A.J. Markley and Ian Caulfield.

**644** **Declarations of Interest**  
None

**645** **Minutes**  
Minutes of the meetings held on 20 March and 24 April 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**646** **Vacant Plots and Waiting List**  
There are currently 14 on the waiting list and no plots available.

**647** **Problems/Issues etc**  
Mrs Lister has expressed an interest in taking over Mr Laidlaw's plot in addition to her own but as there is a waiting list, her name would have to be put on the list. Despite previous letters, there has been very little work done to the following plots - Mr & Mrs Searle 9 b and M. Irving 13 b and it was agreed that Notice to Quit letters be sent. Mr Froggatt has expressed an interest in taking a larger plot but he would be giving up his own plot which would therefore available to someone on the waiting list. The lock has gone missing from the gate into the allotments and Mr Baker suggested that a combination lock be obtained at a cost of approx £15 which would avoid the need for 30 keys. He also suggested that the gate be adapted to make it a more suitable height. Mr Baker is willing to make the alterations and provide the Clerk with receipts for re-imburement. There is a problem with asbestos with a couple of sheets having been dumped on one plot and also 3 sheds made of asbestos on the allotment let to Mr Keeley and Mrs Bargh. It needs to be tested first to check what it is before it can be moved and then removed once it has been confirmed. Clerk to make arrangements to have it tested and obtain a cost for removal. Flooding has not been a problem this year. No problems with rats but there have been some moles around.

**648** **Allotment Rents**  
Water bills for the last 12 months have amounted to £662. Taps are often left on which needs to be addressed. It was agreed that there be no increase in rents which are to remain as follows:-

**West to East**

Large Plot	£48
Half Plot	£25
Qtr Plot	£13

**North to South**

Large Plot	£31
Half Plot	£16
Pigeon Lofts	£12

Another allotments meeting to be held in February once the rents have been paid etc, to ascertain whether there are any vacant plots to be allocated.

Signed..... Date.....