

Minutes for Sunday 18 Aug 2019 11.00am - Association Shed

1. Those present

Anthea

Raymond

Alan

Steve

Louise

Apologies: Chris, Diane, Joe, Lisa

2. Agree Minutes of last meeting and update on actions as listed below:

- Work parties are needed to help:
 - 1 - paint the community sheds and trading hut,
 - 2 – put glass in the community greenhouse
 - 3 – do a tip run

Email to be sent out requesting assistance – Raymond

3. Vegetable Show – 7th September

Communication

Email to be sent informing members of the event and the classes – Raymond

Updating Facebook page – Raymond

Updating Website – Chris

Posters – Louise

Judging – Louise to remind Neil Blumsom that judging starts at 11am. Best plot and best newcomer plot have been decided.

Trophy and Vouchers – Anthea to remind current trophy holder to return the trophy prior to show day. Raymond to print out vouchers on card

Set up – 9am start. Tables and chairs are in the association shed. Decision regarding gazebos will be made on the day, weather dependent. Louise to bring table covers, dividers and entry number cards. Raymond to provide Anthea with a float beforehand.

Food

Steve – Jackie to make a quiche

Joe – Sausage rolls and shortbread biscuits

Anthea – cake

Chris – vegetarian pies

4. Onions and Potatoes

Potato and garlic prices are now available. Sale prices will be the same as last year. £1.20/kg for all potatoes except Sarpo which are £1.50/kg. Onions £1 per 2.50g and Shallots £1 per 500g. Garlic will be priced per bulb and prices will be confirmed once information becomes available. Although the profit margins for onions is very slight it was agreed that we should still stock onions and shallots. It is anticipated that the same varieties of potatoes, onions and garlic will be stocked. It is unlikely that elephant garlic will be available as the usual supplier is not growing elephant garlic this year, other sources may be considered. Early white garlic sold well so the quantities across the varieties of garlic will be tweaked slightly.

The pre-ordering system worked well last year and will be applied again this year. The order book is in the trading hut. The cut off date for pre-ordering will be 31st Oct. The pre-ordering approach needs to be communicated. This will be done straight after the veg show by:

Email to be sent informing members of the pre-ordering approach – Raymond

Updating Facebook page – Raymond

Updating Website – Chris

Posters – Louise

5. Seeds

The sales of seeds is continuing to fall. Raymond has very detailed records of which seeds have been selling. It was agreed that seeds where only 1 or 2 packets of a specific variety sell then these will not be replaced. Only seeds which sell a minimum of 3 packets a year will be topped up.

The pre-ordering system for ordering seeds from Kings worked well last year and will be applied again this year. The cut off date for ordering will be 1st Dec. The ordering service needs to be communicated. This will be done at the same time as the potatoes and onions communication:

Email to be sent informing members of the pre-ordering approach – Raymond

Updating Facebook page – Raymond

Updating Website – Chris

Posters – Louise

6. Dates

13 October 2019 11.00am - Committee meeting to discuss Bonfire Night on 3 November 2019 – date of the next committee meeting to be decided and sent to committee members – Action Diane
8 December 2019 11.00am – Annual General Meeting

7. Any Other Business

Anthea to get sign made for the Association shed – sign should be available w/c 19 Aug 2019

There has been an increase in rubbish being left around the site, new posters to be put up explaining that rubbish should be taken to the tip. – Action Louise

The second round of NCOs has been carried out, this included any new plot holders who have not worked the plot at all. Next year NCOs will be carried out earlier in the year in April – INFO

Meeting closed 12noon