

OWPC Patch Allotments Bi-monthly report May 2017

P.C. meeting

Devolved Management

Patch tenants have voted by 65 to 20 in favour of adopting Devolved Management. Since the result the P.A.A. have held their A.G.M. and we were pleased to note that the new larger elected committee, which will appoint the trustees and the Patch Management team, contains several new faces. Three Trustees were also elected so the PAA can now form the required legal entity. The next steps following those appointments are, negotiations on the Devolved Management contract between OWPC, and drafting a preferred order and timetable for handover of functions.

Plot Staking

We are in the process of sourcing an auger and bit to replace the one stolen at the break-in in January, so that staking can recommence – ground conditions permitting.

Occupancy

Occupancy is at 94.5% with a small turnover. Of the 12 vacant plots, 7 are less popular boundary plots and two are adjacent to the Southern boundary plots and therefore somewhat overshadowed by the trees. A short waiting list is being processed.

Plot Inspection

First plot inspection of 2017 was conducted on 24th April. Several plots were noted as not have been started following winter, as were instances of weeds and junk. As a result 32 letters have been posted to tenants.

Financial Statement

Maintenance Expenditure 2017-18	Budget	Actual
Anglian Water	935	421
Grass cutting	260	
Vacant plot clearance @ £25 per plot	510	
Postage	262	
Stationery	30	
Printing	94	
Skip	243	
Pest control	100	
NSALG membership	57	
Maintenance, troughs and associated plumbing	250	
Security maintenance, boundary, locks	250	
Patch Open Day	100	
Discretionary grants	150	
Compostable toilet consumables	250	
Hut - Building Insurance	198	
Rubbish Clearance (non-skip incl. tyres)	100	
All tenants membership fees for Insurance	945	
Devolved Management Consultation & Voting	0	
Maintenance containers, toilet & hut	500	
Total Maintenance	5234	421
Capital Expenditure 2017-18	Budget b/f	Actual (2017-18)
Boundary Security (unspent £775)		
Aggregate and cement for Ridings (unspent £550)		
Re-staking (unspent £4,948)		
One-off West boundary tree pruning (unspent £800)		
Toilet storage bins (unspent £40)		
Containers (unspent £189)		
Total Capital		
Patch Allotment Total	4,524	421