

# **OWPC Patch Allotments Bi-monthly report July 2016**

## **P.C. meeting**

### **Plot inspection**

The second plot inspection of the year was carried out on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>. As a result 35 letters have been sent including on warnings on uncultivated plots, excessive weeds, unsatisfactory paths and termination of tenancy letters.

### **Plot occupancy**

Nine plots are vacant at the time of writing. We are working through the waiting list.

### **Plot Staking**

Plot re-staking and re-measuring continues. This exercise is likely to last up to two more years.

### **Water Borehole**

The viability of this project is in doubt, currently on hold. There will be no more reports unless new evidence justifies the revival of this project

### **Devolved Management**

A meeting took place between ourselves, the PAA and an NSALG representative on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. A plan to progress this is being formed for approval by all parties.

### **Break-in and theft**

There was a break in at the allotments at about 10:30pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Three thieves used an angle grinder to cut through the padlock to the main gate. All were wearing hoodies and were not identifiable to the cameras. They then pulled out the cabling to the cameras facing the gates and then broke into the container holding the machinery using the angle grinder and other tools. They cleared out all the machinery including the ride on mower used for the ridings and pasture. They were thought to be there until about midnight.

An insurance assessor visited the site on 5<sup>th</sup> July and has accepted the claim – noting that the locking system and general security are the best he has seen for an allotment site, however, additional security measures are being considered including an intruder alert system.

### **PAA Open Day**

The Open day at the allotments is on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Falconhurst School visit**

Pupils from the Falconhurst School in Eaglestone will be making a second visit to the allotments, hosted by the PAA, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> July.

# Financial Statement

We are still unclear about Anglia Water who are currently checking the meter accuracy, a refund is possible and budgetary re-appraisal may be required.

<b>Maintenance Expenditure 2016-17</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>
Anglian Water	912		
Postage	256		32
Stationery	26		
Printing	92		
Vacant plot clearance @ £25 per plot	500		
Skip	446		
Pest control	100		
NSALG membership	56		
Maintenance, troughs and associated plumbing	250		
Security maintenance, boundary, locks	250		
Discretionary items e.g. open days	250		100
Compostable toilet consumables	250		
Hut - Building Insurance	189		
Rubbish Clearance (non-skip incl. tyres)	100		
Grass cutting	255		
PAA all tenants membership fees	700		
<b>Total</b>	4,632		132
<b>Capital Expenditure 2016-17</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Part Budget b/f to 2016-17</b>	<b>Actual (2016-17)</b>
Aggregate and cement for Ridings (b/f from 14/15)	550	550	
Re-staking. Original budget including labour was £6,000 but labour costs have been currently excluded)	2,000	2,000	
Boundary Security (ex-planting budget £2,000, ex-palisading budget £2870 b/f from 2013/14)	4,870	775	
One-off West boundary tree pruning (b/f from 14/15)	800	800	
Lockable post box (b/f from 14/15)	200	200	
Toilet storage bins – paving slabs	40	40	
Containers	2,800	277	136
<b>Total</b>		4,642	136