

OWPC Patch Allotments Bi-monthly report pre- November 2015 P.C. meeting

Plot Staking

Staking has recommenced now the ground is more malleable. A heavyweight 100x750 Auger drill bit for making the initial hole has been purchased, the PAA are kindly lending to us their petrol powered drill to drive this. Only 4 plots worth of first tranche remain to be inserted. The second tranche of stakes has been purchased.

Ridings Repairs

The Community Workers chaperoned by G4S, continued to assist the PAA to repair stretches of the ridings using the planings from the Newport Road roadworks. All the planings have now been utilised.

Uncultivated Plot Letters

Monthly plot inspections continue and small numbers of terminations of tenancy have resulted.

Plot occupancy

Eleven plots are vacant at the time of writing, although the situation changes almost daily. Late payers are due to have their tenancies terminated on November 9th, only three as at 6th November, but there are still some waiting list requests to be satisfied.

CCTV Cameras

Following a case of malicious vandalism to the locks on the shop, the hut and one of the storage containers, a member of the parish donated a cctv recorder and two cameras. The parish has purchased a further two cameras, from the boundary & security budget, to add to this configuration to ensure that all the targeted buildings are covered, as well as the gates.

Financial Statement

Two items, Hut Insurance ~£180 and Rubbish Clearance (for such items as tyres) ~£100 were omitted by error from the 15/16 maintenance budget.

	Budget	Actual to date
Maintenance Expenditure 2015--16		
Anglian Water	1575	136
Grass cutting	800	250
Vacant plot clearance @ £25 per plot	1000	0
Cut flower meadow	150	0
Postage x 3	287	124
Stationery	79	12
Printing	75	63
Skip	221	220
Pest control	100	0
NSALG membership	56	55
Maintenance, troughs and associated plumbing	250	10
Security maintenance, boundary, locks	250	0
Discretionary items e.g. open days	250	250
Compostable toilet consumables	250	18
Insurance re hut	0	0
Rubbish Clearance (tyres etc)	0	0
Total	5343	1138
 Capital Expenditure		
Aggregate and cement for Ridings (b/f from 14/15)	550	0
Re-staking including labour (£1,587 b/f from 14/15)	3655	315
Boundary Security (ex-planting budget £2,000, ex-palisading budget £2870 b/f from 2013/14)	4870	3122
One-off West boundary tree pruning (b/f from 14/15)	800	0
Lockable post box (b/f from 14/15)	200	0
Toilet storage bins – paving slabs	80	0
Total	10155	3437