

GRAVEL PIT ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes

Meeting held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 25 September 2011 at Barn Cottage

PRESENT

Suzanne Allan (GPAA Chair)
Michael Atkin (GPAA Treasurer)
Steve Oxley

APOLOGIES

Denise Mitchell

		Action
1.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Details of interested parties to forward to Denise , also check if letterhead drafted.</p> <p>PC don't appear to have website running (to add a link to ours).</p> <p>ERYC small grant – too late to apply this year, try May next year (Mark Buckton).</p> <p>Accepted as a true record.</p>	Suzanne
2.	<p>Update on progress and Matters Arising</p> <p>Field has been levelled and hardcore spread in the gateway and along the top end of the field where the car parking area is to be.</p> <p>We were unable to use the free topsoil from Full Sutton as it is contaminated with invasive weeds. We have been able to request further funding from Local Food to cover this shortfall and buy in topsoil. If this is not granted we will cut back on other expenditure to cover the cost. Awaiting decision - when this is known we can submit the next claim form.</p> <p>In order to comply with insurance cover levels (Local Food requirements) the annual premium would increase from £80 to £378. This amount will need to be factored in to any recalculations of our claim.</p> <p>Michael to investigate contacts who may be able to help us acquire a shipping container to use as a site shed for secure storage.</p> <p>Charitable status – Michael confirmed that we are registered as a charity and will give the committees details as trustees.</p>	Michael All -

	An official opening will be arranged for Spring 2012 (March onwards)	Confirm at next mtg
3.	Depending on the outcome of the further funding request, either : a) Use extra funding to purchase in extra topsoil, distribute across plots and allow to settle. Progress as planned previously. Or b) Reduce planned expenditure (omit compost toilet etc) to cover cost of purchasing topsoil, then continue as above.	
4.	Seed scheme – Suzanne distributed Kings order forms and explained that GPA earns a % of all the orders placed so ask friends/family if they would like to order too. Orders and payment to be returned to Suzanne by 30 October.	
5.	Compost bays – Keith Newlove has built us a sample double compost bay (in Mark’s shed at Meltonby to view), it has removable slats at the front and is stained with wood preservative. They will cost £143 ea to produce and he is prepared to make as many as we want (19 included in funding bid).	Suzanne to confirm order
6.	AOB Investigate jumble sale at Scout Hut during October, to include tombola and cakes. Small charge for admission again .Alternatively garage sale at Michaels. All to gather donations together.	Suzanne - booking.
	Next Meeting Sunday 4 th December 2.00 pm The Stables, Meltonby	