

MEETING OF ALLOTMENT GROUP ON WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2011 @ 7.30pm

Present

CLLrs Joan Buller (JB), Jenny Fairfax (JFx), Jim Frodsham (JF), John Kelly (JK), Roger Munn (RM), Resident Barrett Manning (BM). In attendance Chairman Cllr John Perry (JP).

1. Jubilee Fields

JP outlined the comments and views of skateboarders about allotments being sited next to the skateboard area. JB suggested that a smaller area than originally envisaged could still provide some allotments. It was fully accepted that the skateboarders were not against using the land for allotments; however, there were implications which could be detrimental to the good use of the skate park. Similarly, potential allotment holders may not find that location satisfactory. The group agreed that the main areas of concern were:

- The strong likelihood that the use of the skate park would expand and the land used for allotments would then be needed.
- The cost of preparing the site for allotments may be disproportionate to the number of plots.
- There may be safety implications for both skaters and allotment users.

It was agreed to keep active the possibility of using Jubilee Fields.

2. Other Sites?

RM suggested two possible fields whose owners may not have been approached. It was agreed RM would informally contact their owners and ask them to contact The Parish Clerk within, say, a month if they were at all interested in allowing their land to be used for Staplehurst allotments.

3. Further enquiries?

RM suggested that Lambert and Foster and Radfords were asked to bear in mind SPC'S need for allotment land. A letter should be written to each Agent. (JF to discuss with the Clerk.)

4. Keeping People Informed

All those on the list of applicants for an allotment should get a letter giving them the latest position. Details should be posted on the Parish website on the New News Page, with a note on The Forum to direct readers to the News Page. A plea for land should be included. JF and JK would draft these and circulate. When the wording had been agreed, the Clerk would be asked to send out the letter and upload details onto the website.