

3. Water butts (we need at least another one in the middle of the site and one on the back row, and increase in size for the one by plot 121 from small to large)

This was not discussed in any great detail, as we need to do a survey of distances to water butts, now that we have a plan. We discussed that for the row where 104 is in the middle, they need the pathway between plots 119 & 118 to be preserved, and maybe widened so that they have access to the butt at plot 118.

4. Controlling weeds on the embankment around the car park

Roger will spray it next week (WB 9th November, on a non windy day). He will put ground cover on it (currently undefined). If this is not done, then it will need spraying and grass seeding in the Spring.

5. Moving the notice board to the parking area and giving us a key

Roger has promised he will do this. We will be given a key to put notices in there about HRAA.

6. The 'dump' of cemetery rubbish in the top corner by plot 1.

Apparently there are bins at the cemetery for people to put plastic rubbish in, but not all of them do. To stop rubbish blowing all over the allotment site, and to tidy it up, Roger has said he will build 2 tin containers (date to be done by?). They will be located nearer to the top of the site.

7. Replace dog-walking sign which was ripped out by plot 128

Not necessary now that the new plots will be on field making a barrier between dog-walkers and allotments.

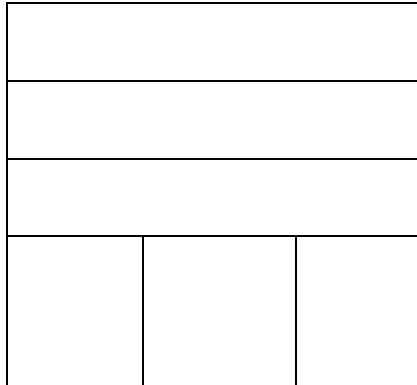
8. Will a letter be sent out to give notice when the gates on the tracks will be locked? Will disabled badge holders be asked to come forward? Can we make use of the mail-shot to send a newsletter to try and attract more members, as we don't have access to names and addresses?

Yes, a letter will be sent out, blue badge holders will be given a key for the gates. Yes, a newsletter can be put in the mailing, but we must remember that the money comes out of the allotment budget. (For us the importance of the mailshot, is that we can't access ploholders who aren't in the association, and we need to get information out to them about all the new events we will be running, and the benefits of joining).

9. Vacant Plots.

Roger would like to provide very small plots, to those just wishing to cultivate a small area. Hayley wondered if a corner plot would not be the most suitable for this, as access would be gained from the path for all allotment holders if it was set out as shown below:

Idea for vacant corner plot number 37: The path is on the left and bottom side of the drawing.



Because it has access on 2 sides, it makes sense to use it provide smaller plots as Roger suggested. The design I have drawn means that there is no lost space for an access path, and all the tenants have access from the roadway to get things onto their plot.

10. What are the plans for a lockup?

Sarah has looked into finding us a metal container, which can be painted, and has 'windows' that can be covered up when not in use. They are vandal-proof. They cost around £1600, but can be found cheaper in sales. We have no firm date of when this will happen, but it is on the list. It will be located at the entrance, on the right as you enter the car park.

11. When will the next skip be on site?

There are meant to be 2 skips per year, in the autumn and spring. All the timings went wrong this year with the cemetery works and the car park being laid, so the next skip will now be in the spring.

Notes written on Weds 4th Nov 2009, HAW.