

Bishopsteignton Community Allotment Association Meeting Minutes: 30/04/2009

We had our second meeting on April 30th at the Ring of Bells, and this is a high level overview:

John and Lesley Hocerston have written to Bishopsteignton Parish Council requesting land - this has been passed on to Teignbridge District Council and our request is now in the hands of the Green Spaces Manager, but we have not received formal recognition of the request. John and Lesley have also been in discussion with Phil, the manager at Jack's Patch re possible use of some land there.

Steps we are now going to take:

1. John and Lesley will continue to talk to Jack's Patch
2. All members of the association are encouraged to lobby Teignbridge District Council - the allotments officer is Mark Wells (01626 215604) - the more of us who can encourage the council in the right direction the better!
3. Cllr Janet Pepperell will follow up with David Cox (our County Councillor) regarding a possibility he uncovered about using part of the ground earmarked for football pitches at Michael's Field. His initial discussions with officers at Teignbridge seemed encouraging.
4. Janet and/or Sarah Lord will try to follow up with the solicitors dealing with Molly Coombes' will to see if there would be any possibility of using the land she has left to the village.
5. I think someone also volunteered to put a second proposition regarding the potential use of ground at Lawn's End to the parish council - this time asking directly about the use of this area for allotments with a community allotment/sensory garden.

If anyone can think of anything else to try, please do so. We mentioned the option of approaching private landowners in the area to see if they would make some land available, and I have discovered that in some other parts of the country, church land has been used, so I don't know if that would be appropriate here?

We have scheduled our next meeting for:

Thursday 28th May at 7pm (Ring of Bells) - please note the earlier time.

We will also be collecting a small subscription at the next meeting to cover costs of stationery, stamps etc and to fund the campaign. A notional amount of £5 was discussed and this will be finalised at our next meeting.