

Minutes of Harborne Hill Allotments AGM 11 March 2018

Present were - A.Thomson (Chair), A.Garbutt (Sec), T.Beach (Treas.), B.Coles, S.Coote, D.Dennick, A.Chebil, P.Myers, R.Clarke, N.Amos and S.Visser. Apologies were received from J.Cherrington and C. Shaw.

Minutes of last meeting - there were no queries and the Minutes were approved, Proposer S.Coote, Seconder T.Beach

Chairman's Report - there have been a number of improvements this year, the inside of the hedge along Kingscote Road has been cut for the first in living memory, and work has started on smartening up the Tool Lockers plus some over grown plots have been brought back into use. We have four small plots to let. Water usage last year was low which is good, but there are still opportunities to collect more rain water. The water supply will be turned back on as soon as we are sure that there will be no frost. The Shop still offers good value for your money. Rubbish, we have got rid of a lot of old rubbish over the last few years, this is rubbish that has accumulated over many years, if you can help to get rid of some please do. We have had one Tool Shed broken into recently, nothing appears to have been taken, it is just annoying. Security- Locking of the gates is a basic requirement so If you do notice anyone leaving the gate unlocked do have a few frank words with them. Our financial position remains healthy as you will shortly hear. There are 5 small plots available. I thank the Committee for all the work they put in and I look forward to a fruitful 2018.

Treasurer's Report - the Treasurer and Brian Coles answered queries. Brian was thanked for producing the Balance Sheet. This report was approved, Proposer P.Myers, Seconder A.Chebil

Committee Officers and Members - the Chairman. Secretary and Treasurer all agreed to continue in post for a further year, there were no challengers. Stacey Visser was welcomed as a new member of the Committee. It was agreed that emoluments will remain the same for 2018.

The Constitution - it was agreed that timing of the AGM should be by the end of March each year, this will greater flexibility to find a Sunday free of snow.

Site Maintenance - Nursery Rd Shrubbery and Secret garden hedge to be trimmed, Tool Locker doors attended to, painting of shed and office, metal rubbish to dumped beyond Plot 7 against the fence, other new rubbish Tenants should take home, historical rubbish- a lot has been got rid of - an effort must be made to get rid of the rest of it, "dirty plots" - warning letters will go out in April.

Shop - continues to provide basic gardening requirements at reasonable prices, most of the prices will remain the same as last year.

Website - this has become a good promoter of our Allotments, and a provider of information for our Tenants. Dave Dennick provided figures for the number of "Hits" the site gets.

AOB - BDAC Allotment Show, we have never got involved, details are available on the BDAC website.

- blight free or Blight resistant Tomatoes, Mountain Magic were suggested.

Date of Next Meeting - March 2019, date to be announce at least 4 weeks before the Meeting