

Minutes Of Harborne Hill Allotments Committee Meeting, 2nd December 2018

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

Minutes of last Meeting - these were approved. Proposer T.Beach, Seconder P.Myers.

Secretary's Report - Rent Collecting was completed, only one tenant failed to pay, a few Tenants have left and nine new Tenants have been signed up, there are 4 small plots vacant and there has been a number of enquiries, so that is good at this time of the year. A Thank you to Stacey for helping with the rent collecting. Tom Beach has made a new Notice Board and has done more work on the interior of the Office. The gate at the Harborne Road entrance has been replaced. A lady from Savills acting on behalf of Calthorpe Estate visited the Site a few weeks back, this an annual event, I have supplied her with the photographs of the flooding in May which were taken by Neil Houston. Nikki Bradley is leaving the Parks Department at the end of the year, she has been excellent in the way she has run the Allotment Office, her place is being taken by Bernadette Wilson whose office hours will be 0930 - 1430hrs Mon to Fri, they were both at the recently held BDAC 6 monthly meeting. BDAC will give a Farewell Present to Nikki at The BDAC Committee Meeting tomorrow which I may attend. I attended the 6 monthly BDAC Meeting a couple of weeks ago, Councillor Sharon Thompson was expected to attend but she failed to turn up. Points that were raised there included were The Management Agreement, The Flo Pickering Fund and WaterPlus. The Management Agreement needs to be renewed by the beginning of April, some sites claimed that they never received a copy, you may remember we had to struggle to receive our copy. Legal Services wish to add something about data protection but otherwise we will be invited to accept it as it is. There was a feeling that as the Council had failed in many cases to keep to their side of the Agreement why should we, on the other hand it is up to us to chase up Council Departments. The Flo Pickering Fund, there are many thousands of pounds available in this fund for use on Allotment Sites, this money has come from the sale of allotment land, where it was not being used, those funds can be used for fences, tarmac but not the removal of asbestos. We have an application in for funding for the replacement of the fence along Nursery Road. The system is hopelessly slow and there are questions as to whether the Fund is getting the monies that are due to it. This report was accepted, Proposer A.Chebil, Seconder J.Cherrington

Treasurer's Report - As per attached report, main expenditure had been Singletons and 10 water butts. This report was accepted Proposer A.Stacey, Seconder P.Myers

Water Bills - the water is now turned off for the Winter, usage has been within the expected figures.

Shop - Potato sales are down, we could do more in the future to promote the range that are available. Stock taking will take place on Sunday 16 December.

Website - Dave Dennick produced a report showing the high usage rate. Our website is now linked to the BDAC website.

Improvements - John Cherrington has continued to work on the tool lockers and needs more wood for the frames. It was agreed that the inside of the hedge along Kingscote Road should be cut by the same guy who did it last year.

AOB - the lady's lavatory had been left in a disgusting state. The Secretary agreed to put up a notice explaining that the water is now off and that the bucket should be used to take water from nearby water butts to flush the lavatory bowls.

Date of next meeting - Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 1030hrs followed by AGM

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