

Minutes Of Harborne Hill Allotments Committee held on Sunday 30th September 2018

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

Minutes of last Meeting - these were approved. Proposer S.Coote, Seconder N.Amos

Secretary's Report -Rent collection has started, so far so good, The Allotment Office is under pressure during the rent collection period, and all sites have been sent a "please don't be awkward" message and pass all the paperwork on weekly which we do. A number of our Tenants have given up their plots, including Ian Parker, Saira, David Tippin, Peter Myers, and Sean? Russell has taken on Ian's plot, Matthew has taken on Sairas' plot. Once rent collection is completed we must get out some Letters of Intent out to spur some Tenants into getting their plots ready for next year. The BDAC Show at the Midlands Art Centre was a large improvement on the recent Shows, it was indoors. The next BDAC Meeting is on Saturday 17th November at 1430hrs at Bordesley Green Allotments, Councillor Sharon Thomson has pledged to be there. The replacement gate for the Harborne Road entrance; I tried to contact the guy who is organising it on Friday but had no joy, it was planned to be fitted by the end of this month. The fence along Nursery Road which has been dodgy for a while was not improved by Contractors digging a hole in the path close to the zebra crossing. I have photos and I will take it up with Amey because this Contractor has disturbed the edge of the footpath which in turn disturbs the fence. I caught a guy a few weeks ago attaching a banner to our fence on Harborne Road, if anyone asks about banners explain that they are not allowed. "Rough Sleepers", if we ever come across one on the site there is an organisation who will help them. This report was accepted, Proposer A.Chebil, Seconder P.Myers.

Treasurer's Report - a healthy balance as per attached report. Money will be spent shortly on restocking the Shop, cutting the inside of the hedge along Kingscote Road, work to be done on some rough plots and purchase of water butts. This report was accepted - Proposer D.Dennick, Seconder B.Coles.

Shop - Japanese onions are now in stock and orders are being taken for potatoes. A thank you to Dave Dennick for producing the Potato Vouchers. From mid November the shop will only be open on Sundays.

Website - this continues to get many visits, and from it we do get enquiries about availability of plots. It was agreed that we will pay about £100 for the "website host" for the next 12 months. Dave Dennick will welcome any article contributions.

Site Management - John Cherrington has continued to work on locker doors. Collecting of rubbish fit for burning down near the Harborne Road has been abused, so no more dumping there until its s cleared.

Date of next Meeting - Sunday 2nd December 2018 at 1030hrs