BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

of the Committee meeting held at **7.00pm**

on Tuesday 5 March 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

**Present:** Colin Andrew**,** Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Ed Cunnah, Wanda Hibbert, Neil Jacques, Rob Newton, Kevin Sharp, Penny Thornton, John White.

1. Apologies: Sam Drew, Andy Roberts.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record with the addition of Sam Drew to the apologies.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
   1. Hedge trimming - Dam Road. NJ had submitted another request to NLC. No action to date. KS to remove worst parts. NJ had also notified NLC of the pot holes appearing at the junction of Dam Rd with Gravel Pit lane.
4. Correspondence
   1. Town Award – request for nominations agreed to Nominate CA. PT to coordinate.
   2. Invitation to Civic Dinner 5 April – NJ to decline on behalf of the society.
   3. Invitation to from Watersedge to attend event – NJ to decline on behalf of the society
   4. ERNLLCA (umbrella body for Town and Parish Councils in East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire) request to visit plots as practical element of their course on allotments law and inspections. Agreed to the request that they visit but they must have their own insurance. EC agreed to meet them on site. NJ to let them know
   5. Email from Ongo in praise of the plots and committee. E mail received from a Gardener for Ongo, the social housing company in North Lincs, full of praise for what had been achieved on the plots and suggested the national media, might well be interested in covering the story. Noted.
   6. Letter of thanks form the Lins for the donation.
   7. Request for a plot from a person living in Hessle. Our rules state south bank people only so PT to reply that we cannot help.
5. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement – MC reported that the majority of expenditure had been on the hedges and car park repairs with £65 on the show for new class cards. The income of £120 was all plot fees.

* Funds available at 29/02/24 £5312.89 - Reserves (£2405.82) - £50.00 Pending - £2857.07
* Overall decrease in funds over month £5312.89 (February) - £6417.09 (January) - £1104.20
* Overall decrease in funds over year £5312.89 (February) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023) - £601.32
* Cost of hedging plants and day 1 digger hire (£553.20) to be reimbursed by farmer

1. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Monthly Inspection Report – no inspection this month but PT to advise all plot holders that there will be one next month.

* Concern was expressed about 24a, that no work had been done on the plot since the autumn and an excellent crop of brassicas had just gone to waste.
* 43a – following the letter form last month the fee had been paid, but still no work had been done. The deadline was 8 March but as the plot holder will not be off work until that date and extension until 11 March for work to be done was agreed. Failing that a Notice to Quit in 28 days will be given. PT&AB.
  1. Eastern Hedge repairs – huge thanks to all those who had done the work to remove rubbish and plant the saplings, particularly Bob Newton who drove the digger. Martin Reed will be invoiced for the hedge plants and a day’s digger hire as agreed. PT reported 5 messages of thanks from plot holders as a result of this work. CA suggested nesting boxes on the back of sheds as the hedge was currently less suitable for nesting birds. Agreed a formal letter of thanks to Martin Reed once invoices paid. MC/NJ.

1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC reported nothing to date. Agreed that he should re-submit the paperwork.
2. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
   1. Update – CA reported that planning was going well.

* The schedule was almost ready apart from additions to the Children’s section to try to get more involved.
* A new banner will be ordered for the new banner stand on Falklands Way/Barrow Rd Junction.
* The schools’ potato competition seed potatoes had been delivered to 5 schools, and a “Grow and Show” competition being considered where we deliver plug plants for schools to grow on and submit photos of their efforts for the show.
* Val Dukes has offered a trophy in memory of David Dukes, possibly for gladioli – to be confirmed at the show meeting on 20 March.

1. Events
   1. Garden Day. 19 May 2024 NJ advised that he would be having his own stall to raise funds for his Charities as Mayor of Barton from 1 May – he won’t be selling rhubarb! Volunteers needed to staff the BAS stall and set up and take down. Get a full rota next meeting. PT to ask plot holders to grow extra for the stall.
   2. Carnival – query about taking part again. Very well received on the day but produce no additional exhibits at the show.
   3. Sumer garden party Sat 22 June.
2. Web site
   1. Update - more up to date phots of volunteers at work needed.
   2. PT working with Liz Cooper on Newsletter.
3. AGM 2024 – Actions
   1. Netted structures – Plot holder on 50b structure is too close to the path on the north of the plot. As it was recently moved from their former plot it must comply with the rules. PT/AB to advise the plot holder accordingly.
   2. Parking area maintenance – now resolved thanks to the recent work.
   3. Glass in sheds covered by Perspex etc – Plot inspection in March will check for any remaining glass uncovered and take appropriate action.
   4. Wheelbarrow repairs – 5 now inworking order thanks to KS and the 6th will be shortly. Put on hold the decision to buy 3 new ones.
4. Policy Reviews
   1. Health & Safety Policy – reviewed and agreed.
   2. Equal Opportunities Policy – reviewed and agreed.
5. Any Other Business
   1. Concerns have been raised about the path between plots 55& 56. There seems to be a large drop on to 56. AB to look at it during the next inspection.
   2. Shed and toilet need painting. MC/KS
   3. CA advised that he was organising a “Triathlon”, golf, darts and dominos, on 26 April, to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Society in support of Les Matthews who did repairs to the bridge in the past. Request for raffle prizes and donations.
6. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 2 April 2024 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange