BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

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

on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

Present: Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Ed Cunnah, Neil Jacques, Ron Newton, Andy Roberts, Kevin Sharp, John White.

1. Apologies: Colin Andrew, Wanda Hibbert, Penny Thornton.
2. Co-option of Membership Secretary and Web Site Editor/Coordinator. Penny Thornton was co-opted as Membership Secretary and Liz Cooper as Web Site Editor.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p: AB s: AR
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
   1. Hedge trimming - Dam Road - NJ to report to NLC again.
   2. Work experience request – nothing further.
5. Correspondence - None
6. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement – MC reported that all plot rents except for two had been paid.
   2. MC reported that:

* Total funds at 31/01/24 were £6417.09 –
* Reserves were (£2470.82) – including £1460.82 in the show account.
* Pending cheque (£50.00)
* Leaving available funds of £3871.27
* The overall increase in funds over month £6417.09 (January) - £5914.21 (December) was £502.88
* The overall increase in funds over the year £6417.09 (January) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023 was £502.88
  1. Nearly half of our annual fixed costs expenditure had already been paid including the insurance. It was noted that any group visiting the plots needs to have the same level of insurance as the Society does. We are insured for up to 3 events a year of up to 999 people.

1. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Monthly Inspection Report – No formal inspection.

* It was agreed to ask PT to chase up 43a giving them with 7 days to pay, and they pay by the deadline they then have 28 days to cultivate their plot.
* It was agreed that plot 35 could be split into two half plots with the current plot holder retaining 35a. The back half needs some work but he has undertaken to tidy this before it is let. PT to let the plot holder know.
* This now means that we have 42 half plots and 40 full plots. It was agreed that we do not wish to reduce the number of full plots further.
  1. Eastern Hedge repairs:
* It was noted with some concern and disappointment that plot holders on 7b, 8b and 9, had cut down their hedges lower than the height desired by the owner and dumped the arisings in the field with a certain amount of non organic rubbish. This was contrary to the requests made in the email sent by the Secretary after the site meeting with the hedge owner. This would prevent the contractor getting sufficient access to cut the rest of the hedge.
* It was agreed to request the plot holders concerned to bring the hedge arisings and non organic rubbish back onto their plots until such time as the contractor has been able to carry out their work.
* It was further agreed that the Site Manager should contact the owner and apologise for the actions of these plot holders and try to find out the schedule for the hedge cutting, and seek clarification as to when we could get the mini digger on site and plant the gaps.

1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC – nothing further to report.
2. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
   1. Update – The committee met in January to review the schedule and start to plan the show. Sponsorship has already been received from CPRE. The aim is to get £400-£500 sponsorship. The Humber Bridge Garden Centre have sponsored the school potato competition and there are 5 schools taking part. Next meeting Wed 14 Feb.
   2. Best Plot Judges – agreed to request members from the Beacon Hill Allotments to judge again this year. PT to contact.
3. Events
   1. Garden Day. 19 May 2024 – plot holders asked to sow additional seeds and donate the surplus to the stall. Rhubarb will be required.
   2. Potato competition – no further information as yet.
4. Web site
   1. Update – LC had emailed to say that she had updated as much as she could, but that she needed a photo of WH for the committee page, the January Bartonian Article and the updated policies when approved.
   2. As per the discussion at the AGM the web usage for 2023 supplied after the meeting was as follows: 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2023:

* Site sessions 1766
* Unique visitors 839
* New visitors 96% returning 4%
* Mobile 53% desktop 44% tablet 3%

1. AGM 2024 – Actions from the AGM
   1. Netted structures – agreed these are allowed within the existing rules. In particular there must be a 1 metre gap between the structure and the path to allow for easy access of wheelbarrows etc. It was noted that the structure on 50b does not comply with this, and the plot holder needs to be told to reduce the width of the structure.
   2. Parking area maintenance – agreed to address this when the mini digger is hired for the hedge repairs.
   3. Glass in sheds covered by Perspex etc It was agreed that existing glass in sheds could be covered by Perspex/film but no new glass can be introduced onto the plots.
   4. Wheelbarrow repairs – KS volunteered to look at what repairs could be done. Agreed to purchase 3 new builders quality barrows a year to maintain a reasonable level of useable barrows.
2. Policy Reviews
   1. Adult Protection Policy – No changes were needed and EC agreed to be the second designated person. NJ to update.
   2. Child Protection Policy – no changes needed and the current designated persons agreed to continue for the coming year. NJ to up date.
   3. Data Protection Policy – no changes needed.
   4. The Health and Safety Policy and Equal Opportunities Policy will be brough to the next meeting for review. KS.
3. Any Other Business – none
4. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 5 March 2024 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange