BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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Secretary – Neil Jacques (01652 632438) – secretarybartonallotments@hotmail.com

MINUTES

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

on Tuesday 3 September 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

Present: Ed Cunah, Mike Corlyon, Wanda Hibbert, Neil Jacques, Andy Roberts, Penny Thornton, John White.

1. Apologies: Colin Andrew, Anthony Blanchard, Kevin Sharp
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p. EC. s. AR
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
	1. Shed & Toilet painting – both now done.
	2. Asbestos 30b – CA has made a start but need more asbestos bags from NLC. EC, MC, AR & WH to apply for one.
	3. Storage cupboard – on hold.
	4. Speed limit on plots – MC has ordered the signs. Suggested place by plots 3 or 4, and plot 23a going up, and main shed and plot 50 -54 going down.
4. Correspondence
	1. Very positive responses from CPRE, Barton Town Council and WREN from letters thanking them for their support, and some shops who donated tombola prizes are displaying their thank you note. Particular thank you to the plot holders who gae flowers for the bouquets for the Mayoress at the Show.
	2. Letter from Bank saying the interest rate on the account we are trying to close is going down.
5. Treasurer’s Report
	1. Monthly Statement – as circulated – MC reported that most of the income and expenditure was show related, except for shed and toilet paint, fuel for the pump, PPE for asbestos removal and plot bonds/rent in and out.
* Funds available at 31/08/24 £5483.97 - Reserves (£2395.38) - Pending (£30.00) **£3058.59**
* Overall increase in funds over month £5483.97 (August) - £5470.01 (July)  **£13.96**
* Overall decrease in funds over year £5483.97 (August) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023) **-£430.24**
1. Site Managers’ Report
	1. Monthly Inspection Report – not available due to illness and close proximity of six monthly report.
	2. Six monthly full inspection – meet 10.00am at the Main Gate.
	3. Waiting List/ vacant plots – no vacant plots at present and 1 person waiting for full plot and 8 for half.
	4. Eastern Hedge cutting – work complete. Plot holders can throw arisings back over the hedge and the farmer will deal with them. Once done, and plots checked for any damage, agreed to write a letter of thanks for cutting the hedge. NJ. Thanks also to those who have worked on resolving the hedge issues over the last year.
2. Land Registry - Progress report -EC still needs to speak to one of the Trustees and awaiting a response as to who can certify photo i/d.
3. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
	1. Report – the Show was a success with more exhibits than last year. Every plot holder who entered won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place for one of their exhibits. Financially it made a small profit but, some expenditure eg rosettes and new banner will last several years. Agreed to donate left over Tombola prizes, apart from those saved for the Christmas event, to the Macmillan Coffee morning at Trinity.
	2. Agreed to hold the show on 9 August 2025.
4. Events
	1. End of Season Event – Thursday 19 Sept 5.00-7.00pm.White Swan. PT awaiting reply about cost of a small buffet.
	2. Christmas Meal – booked for 14 Dec at the Mill. Price £15-£17 per head. To be confirmed once transfer to Darley’s from Marston’s is complete. Booking open when the newsletter is sent out.
	3. Newsletter – being finalised by EC and PT.
5. Web site Update LC reported she had updated the website as follows:
* News  page - Show Winners list
* Committee page updated - vacancy
* News page - article on Show
* Horticultural Show Page - 2024 photos
* 2024 Events page - Show photos
* Policies & Docs - July Minutes
* Best Plot page updated
1. AGM 7.00pm Tues 7 January 2025 - Agenda items:
	1. Herbicide discussion – depending on responses from Newsletter.
	2. Election of Vice President (s) – Very few Hon Vice Presidents left. Committee agreed support the proposal from a plot holder to propose PT.
	3. Election of Committee and Officers – appeal in Newsletter for people to come forward. In particular a Vice Chair and Membership Secretary.
	4. Other proposals – appeal in Newsletter for other items for discussion.
2. Any Other Business
	1. Plum Pox identified on an exhibit from a plot holder at the Show. Tree infected will be destroyed.
	2. IBC split on EC’s plot. EC to talk to CP.
	3. A gazebo has been donated to the society. Thanks to the plot holder who donated it.
3. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 1 October 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange