BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

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

on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

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

1. Apologies: Ed Cunnah, Sam Drew, Andy Roberts. RN in the chair.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p: PT s:CA
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
	1. Shed & Toilet painting – weather dependant
	2. Carnival – 15 June – Successful day, due in no small part to the hard work of Liz and Sam and Mida. Thank you to them. 37 Entries collected. 50 cards delivered to each primary in Barton and MC will collect when harvesting the potatoes.
	3. Mid summer event 22 June – NJ thanked everyone for their donations to the sales table for the Mayor’s Charities – a total of £68 raised. The committee also wish to thank all those who contributed food and attend the event. The raffle raised £92.00
	4. Open Allotments 29 June and 30 June – PT was there both afternoons. One person attended. New direction signs will be needed in future.
	5. Scout Visit – was a great success. About 20 Scouts attended and were very engaged. Thanks to Christine Andrew for organising the event and activities.
4. Correspondence
	1. PT had received an email from a plot holder expressing concern about the use of herbicides, especially during the growing season. Their neighbour had sprayed weeds and the spray had drifted onto their fruit making it inedible. Discussion held about the use of glyphosate based weed killers which is harmful to the wildlife, as well as other weedkillers. It was generally felt that the dead plants either side of the gate look very unsightly. There was a view that use of herbicides ought to be at least discouraged, with some members wanting a ban. Agreed to ask the question of plot holders to seek their views before discussing further at the AGM. PT
5. Treasurer’s Report
	1. Monthly Statement – MC circulated the monthly statement. The amin income was from the Garden Party Raffle. The expenditure largely show related.
* Funds available at 30/06/24 £5921.15 - Reserves (£2547.34) – Pending (£30.00) **£3343.81**
* Overall decrease in funds over month £5921.15 (June) - £6341.61 (May)  **- £420.46**
* Overall increase in funds over year £5921.15 (June) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023) **£6.94**
	1. MC reported that he and Wes Reed, previous Treasurer had called in to Lloyds in Hull to close the savings account and transfer the funds to the current account. After some confusion from bank staff, they were given the correct forms to fill in, get signed, and send to the bank.
1. Site Managers’ Report
	1. Structure 50b -The structure is still in place but the plot does not seem to be being working. No response from the Plot Holder.
	2. Monthly Inspection Report.
* Plot 1a to have a red letter.
* 47 to remain on amber.
* Advisory notes thanking plot holders the improvements, and noting still some work to do, to be sent to 7a, 36 and 43a.
* Recognition of good work done for 51a.

6.3 Concerns were expressed about the misuse of powerful equipment on the plots. Agreed all plot holders must use any equipment according to manufacturer’s instructions with the proper PPE, for their own safety and that of others. Further it is the moral responsibility of anyone seeing the misuse of equipment to advise that person to use it correctly

1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC nothing further.
2. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
	1. Update – PT had received a Tombola Prize from the kitchen garden magazine. Getting the tombola sorted is now the main focus.
	2. NJ reported that an engraver had lost the Town Council Shield when last year’s winner took it in for engraving. Agreed to request a replacement from the company. PT to assist if required. (Now resolved as engraver has found the shield.)
3. Events
	1. Beacon Hill Allotment judging – RN and JJ had volunteered for 13 July. AB +1 for 25 August.
	2. End of Season Event? PT suggested an event at the White Swan to raised funds for the Mayor’s appeal. PT will investigate further.
	3. Christmas Meal – booked at the Old Mill for 14 December.
4. Web site Update LC reported the following updates via email.
* Photo Plot 17 removed
* News Articles added:
* Midsummer Garden Party
* Potato Challenge
* Beaver Scouts visit
* Barton Carnival
* Notice Board updated:
* Closing date Postcard  Competition
* 2024 Events new page added
* May Minutes added
* Show page: note added re Entry Form available to print
1. Any Other Business
	1. Agreed to plot holder proposal to purchase a cupboard to store cups plates etc Agreed. RN may have a suitable one.
	2. Query made about removal of asbestos from plot 30b – CA to enquire.
	3. Horse manure being delivered Monday or Tuesday next week.
2. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 6 August 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange