BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

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

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

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

1. Apologies: Ed Cunnah, Wanda Hibbert
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p. CA s. AR
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
	1. ERNLLCA Visit 25 April – reminder to all of the date of the visit during a Training Day for Town and Parish Clerks and Councillors.
	2. Shed & Toilet painting – paint purchased. Needa dry spell to do the work. MC/KS
4. Correspondence - none
5. Treasurer’s Report
	1. Monthly Statement – MC advised that the main income had been £553.20 for reimbursement for the hedge repairs, and the man expenditure £158.40 for the web-site.
	2. Funds available at 31/03/24 £5622.00 – less Reserves (£2405.82) leaving £3216.18 available.
* Overall increase in funds over month £5622.00 (March) - £5312.89 (February)£309.11
* Overall decrease in funds over year £5622.00 (March) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023)£292.21
1. Site Managers’ Report
	1. Structure 50b – AB had spoken to the plot holder, in front of a witness. The plot holder refused to reduce the size of the structure, and challenged the committee to enforce the rules. PT to post a letter, reminding the plot holder of the rules about new structures, and requiring them to rectify the size of the structure. It was noted during the Monthly Inspection that the plot is very well tended.
	2. Monthly Inspection Report. AB reported that work had started on most plots and was only recommending two Amber Notices, but felt some advisory notices would be helpful for more plots to prevent them slipping into Amber. The committee agreed the following actions:
* Plots 47 and 49 amber notices.
* Advisory notices with specific recommendations for actions to the following plots: 7A,8A,9,10,24A,30B,32,37,40,51A,56,58.
	1. JW noted that a fire had been set on a neighbouring plot to his, partly on the path which scorched his plum blossom and gooseberries. Agreed to add this issue to the Advisory Notice for the plot holder concerned and remind all plot holders of the rules about fires.
	2. Eastern Hedge repairs. Thanks were minuted to those who helped with the second session of planting. Agreed the need to look at the state of the Western Hedge in the autumn.
1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC not present so no report.
2. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
	1. Update. CA advised that the organisation was well underway with just the Childrens’ Section of the schedule to be agreed. A meeting was taking place at 8.00pm with Anne Hulme of the Lions to discuss this further.
3. Events
	1. Garden Day. 19 May 2024 – NJ to put orange box on plot 25 for Rhubarb donations. PT has volunteer names for the rota for the stall.
	2. Carnival – 15 & 16June – agreed not to take part this year. (Note from after the meeting. As a result of the meeting with Anne Hulme the Show Committee requested that we should have a presence at the Carnival. NJ to find out more about plans.)
	3. Mid summer event 22 June – NJ to book Gazebos from the Town Council.
4. Web site
	1. Update. LC had sent a report outlining the recent updates to the web site:
* Equal Opportunities and Health & Safety Policy added
* Plot Application Form updated
* February minutes added
* Home Page photo changed
* News page - Show, hedge growth
* Notice Board - Potato Challenge, Best Plot Competition, Plot Inspection
	1. LC also reported an email from America asking us to post an article on the web site about the harmful effects of glyphosate weed killer on the environment. It was felt that the use of glyphosate on site was a matter for the AGM.
	2. Barton Allotments Website Sessions for last 10 days as follows:
* 31/3       2
* 30/3.      1
* 29/3.      5
* 28/3.      5
* 27/3.      4
* 26/3.     14 The day after the Facebook Post saying Schedule was on the website.
* 25/3.       4
* 24/3.       1
* 23/3.       6
* 22/3.       3
	1. Overall it was felt to be a good number for a relatively small organisation.
1. Any Other Business
	1. PT to do a notice to remind people to leave the “stable” door open for bird should they return.
2. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 7 May, 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange