BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

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

on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

Present: Colin Andrew**,** Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Sam Drew, Neil Jacques, Rob Newton, Andy Roberts, Penny Thornton, John White.

1. Apologies: Wanda Hibbert, Kevin Sharp
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. P: AR. S: CA
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
   1. Shed & Toilet painting – still waiting for consecutive dry days.
   2. Garden Day- Noted it was a successful fundraiser, with £441.10 income. Not as much on the rhubarb this year as harvest not as good. Thanks minuted to all who donated plants and goods and who staffed the stall.
4. Correspondence - None
5. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement – MC reported that the income had been from the Garden Day £441.10 with £300 show sponsorship from WREN and £60 from the Lions. Expenditure had been Pest Control £105, Materials for the Show Art Competition £31.00, Feed and Weed for the communal area £19.98 and fuel for the borehole pump £21.20.

* Funds available at 31/05/24 £6341.61 - Reserves (£2916.83) £3424.78
* Overall increase in funds over month £6341.61 (May) - £5717.69 (April) £623.92
* Overall increase in funds over year £6341.61 (May) - £5914.21 (31 Dec. 2023) £427.40
  1. Lloyds had contacted MC to advise the savings account was not appropriate for our circumstances especially as they had ceased the pass book system. Agreed to close the savings account and transfer to the current account, and to investigate other savings options – eg there is a business saver attached to the current account on line. Unanimous.

1. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Structure 50b – IT was noted that there had been no change to the structure. EC had hand delivered the letter. Agree unanimously to serve notice to quit advising of the right of appeal.
   2. Monthly Inspection Report. AB reported that 8 plots had made a positive response to the letters sent after the May meeting inspection.

* Agreed letter of thanks be sent to those concerned.

Plots: 7b,8a,9,10,24a,30b,49,56.

* Agreed a Red warning letter be sent to plot 47 requiring significant improvement by the next meeting.
* Agreed Amber notice remain on 51a as some work had been done but not enough.
* Agreed advisory notes be sent to Plots 1a and 32. Plot 36 aware of extenuating circumstances.
* Agreed letter be sent requesting information about future intentions and plans for improvement from plots 43a and 58. PT advised 58 was seeking a half plot in the future instead of a full one.
  1. PT had received a request from a person in Barnetby. Agreed not to accept on to the waiting list as not within the immediate area, and there were plots closer.

1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC none.
2. Horticultural Show -10 August 2024
   1. Update :Schedules have been printed and it was agree to circulate them as soon as possible. PT & John Jonhson
   2. Next meeting on June 12. Tombola prizes next priority.
3. Events
   1. Carnival – 15 June – volunteers and materials. To date MC and Liz Cooper have volunteered to staff the Carnival. SD volunteered as well but more needed. Appeal to be made by FB and all plot holders emailed. PT.
   2. Mid summer event 22 June: PT to make appeal, as above, for food for 1.00pm onwards. NJ to pick up gazebos and deliver to plots for 10.00 set up. 3 tables included but will also need the big trestle from the shed for Tea & Coffee etc. CA to bring 16 weights. At least two others need to help put up. Cyril Pallister to use the gazebo donated by RN in shed and provide own table for potato competition.
   3. Open Allotments 29 June and 30 June – need people on the plots 2-5.00 to answer any questions and welcome visitors. Agree to invite new plot holders to meet more established ones to pick up hints and tips. PT to add to above email and FB.
   4. Goxhill Scout Visit 11.June 5.30-6.30. Christine Andrew had organised 4 X 10 minute activities for each to take part in over the hour. Need volunteer to talk about tools and another to show crops on plot. EC to do tools, and CA crops. SD available to do crops as well if back from work.
4. Web site Update - Liz Cooper was thanked for her update and the work involved. Additions to the web site are:

* May Bartonian with photos added
* Replaced 2 committee member photos
* Picture on a Postcard Competition added
* Ropewalk photos and income
* Congrats to NJ and CA
* Show Schedule 2024 added
* Show Entry Form updated
* Notice Board - Carnival, Potato Judging, Show Schedule finalised, Open Gardens
* April Minutes added

1. Any Other Business
   1. Beacon Hill Allotment has requested judges for their Show in the second week of July. JJ and AB volunteered.
   2. Parking has become an issue with complaints that the turning circle is not available when the plot holders are present. Agreed the plot holders at the top have a right to park at the end of their plots as do others. If they are present people are to turn round elsewhere. It was also noted that some plot holders, for “B” plots just park anywhere without permission. Agreed PT should add to the email to all members a reminder that if you don’t have permission to park on a plot you should leave your car outside the gates after unloading/loading.
   3. Speeding: It was noted that some cars drive up and down the central road at excessive speed. Agreed to get a sign made with a 5MPH limit on it.
2. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 2 July 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange - apologies AR &SD.