BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

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

on Tuesday 1 August 2023 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

**Present:** Colin Andrew, Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Ed Cunnah, Neil Jacques, Andy Roberts, Penny Thornton, John White.

1. Apologies: Liz Cooper, Kevin Sharp
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p. EC s. AR
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
   1. Plot holder from 48a had been offered a transfer to Plot 2b but declined. Need to find out future intentions as plot becoming untidy. PT
   2. Savings Account. Agreed MC should start adding to the savings account balance when appropriate. Still looking at potential investments.
4. Correspondence - none
5. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement – MC report most expenditure show related apart from quarterly Pest Control payment of £105. Fuel for pump for borehole cost £21.13. Income was mainly £50 show sponsorship from Euronics.
   2. Funds available at 31/07/23 £5411.93 - Reserves (£2031.55) = £3380.38
   3. Overall decrease in funds over month £5411.93 (July) - £5847.85 (June) -£435.92
   4. Overall decrease in funds over year £5411.93 (July) - £7048.17 (16 Dec.’22)- £1636.24
6. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Plot inspection report. KS was thanked for his comprehensive report for the plot inspection undertaken with AB on Sunday 30 July.

* Notice to Quit – Plot 55 Little improvement has been made since Amber notice in June and Red notice in July. The committee agreed unanimously that Notice to Quit should be issued. PT/NJ
* Red Notices – none
* Amber Notices – Plot 47 to remain on amber with advice to cultivate the rear portion of the plot.
* Green Notices – Plot 24a has had sufficient work to return to Green but advice to be given that the rear portion near the compost heaps, current grass needs to be cultivated to get to a good standard.
* Advice to be given – Plot 40 Back third of plot in need of attention and of two IBCs stacked, top one needs to be removed due to proximity /height against hedge. Plot 43a, new plot holder to be advised work needs to be done to get the plot into an acceptable condition. Plot 56 to be advised to clear high weeds to rear of plot.
* Recognition of work being done – Plot 32, reinstatement of path in progress. Plot 39 Significant progress made by plot holders and now in great condition. Plot holders to be advised.
  1. Hedge Plants – AB to assess the extent of the work and access requirements for removal of elder. Still awaiting permission from the owner of the hedge to south and east to fill gaps and replace elder. BP to be asked.
  2. Water system – September meeting.
  3. Request for a plot swap - Plot holder on plot 62 wishes to swap to a half plot as the hedge management is too much. Agreed to offer plot 2b.
  4. Clear up of rubbish from plot 2b. Agreed to clear rubbish from the hedge end of the plot. AB to organise. If 62 does not want to take it on, then it is to be offered to the next on the list until someone willing to take on an overgrown plot accepts. Waiting list now got 17 for a half plot.

1. Land Registry – No progress report -EC
2. Horticultural Show -12 August 2023
   1. Update – CA all in place. Next meeting on 9th. Agreed Tombola Tickets 4 for £1.00 and a maximum purchase of £5 in one go to give more visitors a chance to buy tickets.
   2. Committee and volunteer roles – mostly agreed. AB to be available Friday evening and all day Saturday.
   3. Best kept plot and half results. Judging done by Cleethorpes Beacon Hill Allotments plot holders. Best full plot no 15 Cyril Pallister, Best Half plot 46b Sue Lee. Full results to be put on Notice boards and facebook. NJ/PT
   4. Most improved plot and half recommendation. Agreed Most Improved Full Plot 58 Kate Harper, and half plot 34b Claudia Holden and Helen Hogg.
3. Events
   1. Possible Harvest event – May organise an event if there is sufficient interest. Discuss at September’s meeting.
   2. Christmas Meal – Tickets on sale in September.
4. Web site
   1. Update – LC is away and NJ has computer for the show so no update possible.
5. Any Other Business
   1. Request from Beacon Hill Allotments for two people to judge their plots. PT to ask Cyril and Wendy Pallister.
   2. PT has purchase varnish to refurbish memorial bench. AB will look at repairs to the bench in front of the shed.
   3. Thanks to Wendy Pallister for cleaning the toilet and providing flowers around it. PT suggested any smell in the area may be coming from the compost bins used for grass cuttings from the communal area.
6. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 5 September 2023 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange