

# Alsager Gardens Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### PRESENT

**Members:** Adrian Ford (Chairman) David Spall (Trading Secretary) David Pitt (Treasurer)  
Pauline Hubbard (Vice Chair and Minutes) Judith Ford, John Nixon (Rep Talke Rd)  
Lesley Quartermaine (Talke Rd) Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Rd) Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Ave)

This meeting was rescheduled from 29<sup>th</sup> January as the meeting would not be quorate

### 1. APOLOGIES

Derek Hough (President) Hilary Robinson (Membership Secretary)

**2. MINUTES of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018** approved.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- **New Homes Bonus** – Application submitted 31/12/18. See email dated 24/12/18. Latest update: All applications are currently being assessed by a multi-agency panel and will continue to be throughout January, with recommendations made to the responsible Cheshire East Council elected member award groups in February and with the final decision then made by the Cabinet member for Finance and Communications in March. You will be notified about the outcome of your application, by email, by the end of March and if successful the funding being released in April.
- **Update on Path at Cedar Avenue-** see email of 14/01/18 and update on website Go to: <http://www.alsagergardensassociation.org.uk/great-news-work-has-started-today-to-create-the-new-accessibility-path-at-cedar-avenue-allotment-site/>
- **Tesco Bags of Help Award** - £3260 awarded for raised beds at Talke Rd and Coronation Ave. Awaiting payment into our account then we can commence the work.
- **Notice Boards** – Decision to proceed with a purchase pending review of costs and available funds. Item for next meeting.

### Matter Arising from Meeting 28 November 2017

PH drew the committee's attention to the need to implement the decision to recognise the contribution made by site managers with the provision of a £25 Honorarium. The Committee agreed this should be implemented with immediate effect for year 2018.

### 4. Treasures Report

Reserve account Interest is not included but this is minimal.

Current account £3710

Reserve account £4359 giving a Total of £8069

This Includes the Tesco Bags of Help Award @ 75% of the award ie £2445

Payments have been made of £1357, including £1300 to Garden Solutions and the CVS membership fee of £45.

### Current Liabilities

NSALG subscriptions - £570

Alsager Town Council Allotment Rents for 2019 - £2693

Re-stocking of The Trading Hut estimated at £1000

PH

DP

<p><b>Income received to date</b>  Rents £515 – c/f £275 in 2018  Subs £52 from 13 members c/f £35 from 10 members in 2018</p> <p>DP reported his concern about cash flow at the current time and the need to be mindful in committing expenditure.</p>	
<p><b>5. Trading Secretaries Report</b></p> <p>DS reported that the Kings seed order had been received and distributed. KG Loach the failed the delivery on 4<sup>th</sup> February due to vehicle issues, arrangements are in hand to reschedule the delivery of the K G Loach order. MH agreed to organise a team to support unloading etc.</p>	MH
<p><b>6. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>The Constitution. PH had circulated an email to the Committee outlining the key messages from the CVS course that she attended regarding Trustees Roles and Responsibilities. As a result, the Constitution has been further reviewed. The document was agreed, and it will be presented to the AGM to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>	PH
<p><b>7. Site Managers Report</b></p> <p><b>Cedar Ave</b>  MH reported the completion of the central path and that Scottish Power will be removing the crack willow tree (overhanging the ARBs) on 12 February 2019. There are currently 2 x ¼ plot vacancies  DH has reported that the stream at Cedar avenue has been cleared of some significant debris. We now need to wait and see if this has an impact on the water logging at the far end of the site.</p> <p><b>Coronation Avenue</b>  MS reported there are currently 2 x ¼ plot vacancies. A 1/4 plot has been identified close to the gate for the accessibility raised beds.</p> <p><b>Talke Rd</b>  JN reported that a ½ plot and a ¼ plot are currently vacant. Work is planned to clear the plot for the accessibility raised beds.</p> <p><b>Lawton Rd</b>  AF reported that a ½ a ¾ and a ¼ plot are vacant. Work is planned to clear the vacant plot.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Hut Duty</b>  The Committee confirmed their commitment to undertake hut duty. AF asked for any details of names of individuals who may wish to undertake this task, to be sent to him.</p>	ALL
<p><b>Help Required to do Spring Clearing at Milton Gardens</b></p> <p>DH asked for anyone willing to give a couple of hours to contribute to the weed and clear at Milton Gardens to contact him</p>	ALL ALL
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p>	
<p><b>10.The meeting closed at 9.15pm</b></p>	