

# Alsager Gardens Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held On 29 May 2018

### PRESENT

**Members:** Adrian Ford (Chairman)

Pauline Hubbard (Vice Chair and Minutes) David Pitt (Treasurer) John Nixon (Rep Talke Rd)

Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Ave) Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Ave) Judith ford

### MINUTES

**Judith Ford** was welcomed to the Committee.

**1. APOLOGIES** Hilary Robinson (Membership Secretary) Derek Hough(President) David Spall (Trading Secretary) Lesley Quartermaine

**2. MINUTES of meeting held on 24 April 2018** approved.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

MH/PH provided a quotation of £450 from LT Garage Doors for a replacement steel door for the Trading Hut Door. DP raised the issue of the specification of the locking mechanism for insurance purposes. PH to circulate full details of the door and DP to provide PH with the details of the insurance requirements.

PH/DP

### 4.TREASURER'S REPORT

DP has paid a deposit of £150 and completed a booking form for the hire of the Civic Centre.

**Cash & Current a/c** £5891 **Reserve** £4356 **Total** £10247

**Liabilities** KG Loach £157 to pay

**Rents received** £3887(134 half plots) compared to £3704 (131.5 half plots). An increase of £183

**Subs. received** is £615 (176 members) compared to £581(166) an increase of £34

**Trading to 27/05/18** £2595 compared to £2598 last year

Approximately £550 was taken over the Open Days, an increase on previous year with some money still to come in.

### Outstanding Rent payments

There are no outstanding rents at Cedar Avenue, Coronation Avenue and Talke road. AF will send letters to those tenants who have outstanding rents at Lawton road.

AF

### 5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT

DP reported that sales, as represented by the trading figures, are going well. PH reported that DS has restocked the hut with clover compost and other items as required.

## 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Accessibility Plots

Work is scheduled to start at Cedar Avenue the first week in September. A skip will be required before hand to remove the rubbish and scrap.

PH/MH

### Update on Annual Garden's Competition

Posters have been placed wherever possible. PH will try to get the details in the Alsager Chronicle. Further advertising is required.

Site mangers offered to seek entries from appropriate allotment holders. Any further promotion or advertising is welcomed. DS to ask PS to promote via radio if possible.

ALL

DS

PH suggested we establish a role of Media/Publicity Officer. This was agreed if we can find a suitable candidate.

PH

## 7. ALLOTMENT OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Coronation Avenue- 1 x quarter plot available. Some tenants have deposited their rubbish over the fence at the back. They have been advised that this is not acceptable.
- Talke Road – 1 x quarter plot available
- Lawton Road – 2 x half plots plus 2 x quarter plots available. A request has been made for a Greenhouse to be erected, which would be of toughened glass as required within the rules. This was approved.
- Cedar Ave – Site full. MH reported on repairs that have been made to two taps

PH offered to support any officers should they need any letters sending to tenants.

### 8. New Homes Bonus Scheme

It was agreed that a bid should be made against this scheme for funding towards a Community Building at Cedar Avenue and that a sub-committee would be established to work through the specification and costs.

PH

### 9. Feedback on Open Days 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

This was a successful event. Thanks went to all that helped and gave up their time. The banner placed at Cedar Avenue had been effective and in view of this similar banners have been purchased for each of the other sites. The banners will be placed in the Trading Hut. The website has photos of the day and it is hoped that the Chronicle will publish an item.

The document **Organisation Tasks** was reviewed and agreed. This will be placed on the web for future reference.

PH

**10. Annual Show to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

Progress and actions were reviewed.

AF will organise the purchase and presentation of the bouquets and the provision of the scales.

**AF**

Floats of £30 to be available for raffle, plant stall, and refreshments.  
Exhibition Cards are printed by D Spall not D Pitt.  
PH to update the action list.

**DP**

**PH**

PH reported that the judge for the Craft Section will not be able to undertake this task due to a pending operation. Eileen Beattie has offered to Judge this section along with the Cakes and Preserves if this is feasible. This was agreed, and AF will manage the timings on the day.

**AF**

**10. Any Other Business - None**

**11. Date of Next Meeting 26 June 2018**

**12. The meeting closed at 9.15pm**