

# Alsager Gardens Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### PRESENT

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

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Judith Ford. Derek Hough (President) Hilary Robinson (Membership Secretary)

**2. MINUTES of meeting held on 25 September 2018** approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 25 September 2018** – PH advised that the committee's comments regarding the ATC Risk Assessment had been e mailed to Eddi Attu and The Town Clerk. PH agreed to produce a separate AGA Risk Assessment for all sites and present this to a future meeting.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

**4.1 Cash & Current a/c** £3854 **Reserve** £4357 **Total** £8211

**Liabilities.** Cheque for £531 for Kings Seeds

**Rents received** £3985 (136.5 half plots plus 4 x ARB) compared to £3854 (137.5 half plots). No ARB

**Subs received** £664 (190 members) compared to £672 (192 members)

**Trading to 23/09/18** £3748 compared to £3926 – down 4.5% (£178)

#### 4.2 Subs and Rent Charges for 2019

It was agreed that Subs would increase from £3.50 to £4.00

A full plot would be £64 (Half plot £32, Quarter plot £16)

Accessibility Raised Bed (ARB) will remain at £10 pa.

#### 5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT

DS reported that a full stock take had now been completed and that he was satisfied with the outcome. The order has been placed with Kings Seeds and the Potato order is in hand.

#### 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

**6.1.** The Funding Summary Statement from Keith Biggs was received. The committee wished to express thanks to KB for all his hard work over several years and the exceptional amount of fundraising achieved. AF to write to KB.

**6.2.** PH Reported that the paving slabs at Cedar Avenue had been sorted and counted and it would appear that there are sufficient to complete the central path.

**6.3.** PH provided the meeting with a summary of issues identified in order to proceed with a funding bid against the New Homes Bonus Scheme. PH is to attend

PH

DP

AF

<p>a briefing on NHB hosted By the Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and will report back to the committee.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>PH gave an outline of the role of the CVS and how they can support voluntary associations. It was agreed that the AGS would join the CVS (Cheshire East) at an annual membership cost of £45. PH to action.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p><b>7. ALLOTMENT OFFICERS' REPORTS</b></p>	<p>MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronation Avenue- 2 x quarter plot available. 2 tenants have been written to regarding plots in poor condition resulting in one tenant leaving, the other tenant is being monitored by MS.</li> </ul>	<p>AF</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawton Road – Several plots available. Tenants of uncultivated plots being chased up</li> </ul>	<p>MH</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar Ave ¼ plot available. One uncultivated plot being chased up. Issue of rust on Toilet door being pursued but suspect out of guarantee.</li> </ul>	<p>MH</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talke Road – JN has undertaken work to cultivate one ½ plot. 2 plots are problematic. A quarter of plot 1 has been let but the remaining ¾ is overgrown.</li> </ul>	<p></p>
<p><b>8. Review DRAFT REVISED Allotment Rules, including Use of Hosepipes.</b></p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>Due to time constraints this item was held over to the next meeting</p>	<p></p>
<p><b>9. Health and Safety Advise for Plot Holders.</b> A discussion took place about the content. The document was agreed. PH to publish on the Web.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p><b>10. Any Other Business</b></p>	<p></p>
<p>10.1 A discussion took place on the date that subs /rent payments should be paid by. It was agreed that this would be a main item on the November agenda.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>10.2. The November Agenda. It was agreed that the standing items of Treasurers Report/ Trading Secretaries and Secretaries Report would not take place on the November agenda in order to allow time for the appropriate discussion on the key items on the agenda.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>10.3 PH to establish the Town Councils position on water charges.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>10.4 NEWSLETTER – DS needs copy of items by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p><b>11. Date of Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>12.The meeting closed at 9.15pm</b></p>	<p></p>