

Alsager Gardens Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held On 31 July 2018

PRESENT

Members: Adrian Ford (Chairman)

Derek Hough (President) Pauline Hubbard (Vice Chair and Minutes) David Pitt (Treasurer)

Hilary Robinson (Membership Secretary) John Nixon (Rep Talke Rd) Judith Ford, David Spall (Trading Secretary)

<p>1. APOLOGIES Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Ave) Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Ave)</p> <p>2. MINUTES of meeting held on 26th June 2018 approved.</p> <p>3. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 26th June</p> <p>3.1 It was previously noted that the Signatories on the Associations Bank Account required updating, KB to be deleted and P Hubbard to be added. It was resolved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The signing of rules in the current mandate, for the accounts, detailed in section 2, be replaced with section 4, and/or The authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended. <p>3.2 Proposed replacement steel door for the Trading Hut. PH reported that it appeared that the door from LT Garage Doors will not comply with the insurance requirements. It was agreed that the insurance requirements should be met, and that replacement was urgent given the state of the door panel which posed a health and safety issue. PH to action asap.</p> <p>3.3 Weed Sprayer nozzle DS reported that it could not be repaired, and a replacement sprayer has been purchased.</p> <p>3.4 Grant Application to ATC</p> <p><i>Note that D Hough and H Robinson declared their interest as Councillors on the ATC Grants Panel Committee. They were not present at the discussion of this item on 26th June and did not take part in the further discussion on this item at this meeting on 31st July 2018.</i></p> <p>PH reported that it would be necessary to provide a copy of the AGA Annual accounts as part of the application process. DP to provide.</p> <p>4. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Cash & Current a/c £6134 Reserve £4356 Total £10490 Liabilities KG Loach £96 to pay. Sprayer and plumbing £47 Rents received £3975 (136.5 half plots plus 3 x ARB) compared to £3854 (137.5 half plots). Subs. received is £647 (185 members) compared to £651 (186 members) Trading to 25 July 2018 £3142 compared to £3294 last year a decrease of 4.6%</p> <p>5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT</p> <p>DS reported that the sale of Clover compost has been excellent, and he has restocked as required. A stock check has been undertaken and there appears to be a bag of potato fertiliser short but an additional bag of grow more. DS did not feel this is an issue for concern.</p>	<p>PH/DP</p> <p>PH</p> <p>DP</p>
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DS stated that the Kings seed catalogue is now available and that copies along with the Schedule of Potatoes and instructions on how to order from each, has been placed in the Trading hut for people to take a copy in advance of the Annual Show.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Update on Annual Garden's Competition

Judging has taken place and the winners have been notified to ATC. PH to provide details to DS for him to produce the certificates.

6.2. Alsager In Bloom

Alsager in Bloom visited Cedar Avenue Allotment on the afternoon of Friday 20th July 2018 as part of their assessment feedback from this has been positive

6.3 Hose Pipe Ban from United Utilities scheduled to come into action on 5th August

PH distributed information which showed that United Utilities have stated that hosepipes could still be used for watering food crops but not for general flowers and plants. This would mean that in general Allotments could continue to use hosepipes.

In addition, AGA has now received the copy bills from United Utilities which show use of water to date is extremely high and we can estimate a cost of £1800 to end of August, for all sites. This will far exceed our budget.

Concern was expressed about using water wisely and the amount of water a hosepipe uses. The use of sprinklers was of particular concern as it is felt these do not water effectively and often water areas such as paths which is wasteful.

An extensive discussion followed about whether a temporary hose pipe ban should be applied to all allotment sites. In view of the water shortage in general, concern about appropriate use and potential waste, together with the cost, it was agreed to apply a temporary ban from 5th August in line with that from United Utilities. PH to arrange for notices to be placed on the gates. The decision will be reviewed later in the year at either the October or November meeting. It was agreed that PH discuss with ATC as to what actions we can agree.

7. ALLOTMENT OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Coronation Avenue- 1 x quarter plot available. There is a rumour of an extension to be built that may impact on the allotments. Nothing formal as yet so we need to look out for anything posted or sent to us.
- Talke Road – expect to have vacancies next year.
- Lawton Road – Several plots available. AF is pursuing non-payers.
- Cedar Ave – Site full.

10. Annual Show to be held on 1st September 2018

Progress and actions are up to date.

All printing has been undertaken

AF to chase up sponsor money

All plants, gardening items, produce, books etc to HR for plant stall

10. Any Other Business - None

11. Date of Next Meeting 25th September 2018

12. The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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