

Alsager Gardens Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held On 28th May 2019

PRESENT

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

The meeting took place in the Scout Hut due to a booking error by the Girl Guides

1. APOLOGIES

David Spall (Trading Secretary) Lynne McCabe

2. MINUTES of meeting held on 30th April approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Finance Policy and Procedures approved
 No reply yet from McCarthy and Stone. PH to chase
 Tool Shed Talke Road – JN to examine Argos options

PH
 JN

4. Treasurer's Report

DP reflected on the sad loss and recent celebration of life of Keith Biggs. The committee approved a payment of £25 to the chosen charity
It was agreed that an appropriate form of memorial eg show trophy / bench/ plaque etc be considered at the next meeting.

ALL

Open Day

An exceptional achievement

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Sales of plants	£496	£360
Refreshments	£225	£100
Tombola	£88	£78
Total	<u>£809</u> compared to	<u>£538</u>

Current account £4464

Reserve account £4362 giving a Total of £8826

Current Liabilities

KG Loach £201

Trading - £2838 compared to £2595 last year and increase of £243 or 8%

Rents Received

£4590 equivalent to 138 ½ plots + 6x ARB - Compared to last year
 £3897 equivalent to 134 ½ plots up £693 or 4 x ½ plots

<p>Subs to Date - £800 from 201 members compared to last year £615 from 136 members up £185 an extra 25 members</p>	
<p>Plot holder rent for additional plot – MH to chase up Pollinator seeds income of £3 in Trading Account to be adjusted</p>	MH
<p>5. Trading Secretaries Report</p>	
<p>MH reported on behalf of DS. Stocks checked and will be further reviewed on Sunday 2 June. If stocks are needed of compost this will be purchased on Monday 3rd June. MH requested if anyone asks for items to be purchased that are not in stock, please can you take name and contact number to avoid purchasing unnecessarily.</p>	ALL TO NOTE
<p>6. Secretary's Report</p>	
<p>6.1 Review Open day</p>	
<p>An exceptional event all round. Noted for next year review location of refreshments due to the position of the sun (possibly locate next to water tap).</p>	
<p>Attendance to look at plots at Cedar Ave and Talke road was good but poor at Coronation Ave and Lawton Rd.</p>	
<p>Review options before next Open Day. All sites open for Sat/Sun or just on the Sunday or have people offering to take visitors to the other sites from Cedar Ave.</p>	PH
<p>6.2 Allotment Joint Inspection with Town Council undertaken 21/05/19</p>	
<p>Coronation Avenue Overhanging Trees in Cranberry Moss (CE Responsibility) to be progressed again as Town Council have offered to contribute to the work required A negative response has been received from Cheshire East.</p>	PH
<p>Cedar Avenue Agreed that overhanging crack willows and other trees on a dangerous angle need to be addressed by EA. Debris left by Ansa following last tree pollarding needs to be addressed. Himalayan Balsam is prolific on the ground surrounding the stream and weedkilling has been requested.</p>	
<p>Lawton Rd Issue of Three Trees overhanging and shading the site. EA to write to landowner and request action. Lawton Road Access Road issue of waste and bins left in street EA to progress with Dane Housing.</p>	
<p>Talke Road Requires new security fence panel at rear, post repair and ongoing maintenance to some parts of the fence. Agreed rear fencing no longer required can be removed when new metal fence panel installed</p>	JN
<p>6.3 Annual Review of Risk Assessment undertaken 21/05/19</p>	
<p>Received and agreed.</p>	
<p>6.4 Annual Gardens and Allotment Competition</p>	
<p>An update on publicity was provided and all were reminded to encourage entrants form allotmenters and gardeners.</p>	ALL
<p>7. Site Manager's Report and Plot Vacancies</p>	
<p>Coronation Ave Full, waiting list</p>	
<p>Cedar Ave Full, waiting list</p>	
<p>Hardcore requested for area surrounding raised beds and path at centre of allotment. Agreed £240 could be committed.</p>	MH

<p>Talke Road Full, waiting list Lawton Road 1 x ¼ plot and 1 x ¾ vacant PH to contact Garden Solutions for a cost to lay the Sectional concrete panels as base for a community shelter at Lawton Rd. AF/JF to draw up location plan.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>A discussion took place about excessively overgrown plots that remain out of use. Site managers to consider if they can make use of a digger to bring these areas back into use.</p>	<p>ALL SITE MANAGERS</p>
<p>8. Annual Show 7th Sept 2019 Actions reviewed. AF has secured all sponsors. PH need to secure one remaining judge</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting 02 July 2019</p>	<p>ALL TO NOTE</p>
<p>Future Dates The following dates were agreed</p> <p>30 July 2019 (Apologies D Spall and P Hubbard) 20 August 2019 01 October 2019 05 November 2019 03 December 2019 21 January 2020 25 February 2020 24 March 2020 28 April 2020 26 May 2020 30 June 2020</p>	<p>ALL TO NOTE</p>
<p><i>All dates have been secured with the Girl Guides building</i></p>	
<p>10. The Meeting Closed at 9.20pm</p>	