

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT

Members: Pauline Hubbard (Vice Chair and Secretary), David Spall (Trading Secretary), Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Avenue), Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Ave) John Nixon (Rep Talke Rd), Lynne McCabe (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES** received from Adrian Ford, Judith Ford, Derek Hough, David Pitt
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 20 August 2019 approved
3. **MATTERS ARISING** Adrian Ford to liaise with Bob Cliff regarding the Rotary Cup and possible renaming to The Keith Biggs Cup. **AF**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Account £3514 Reserve Account £4364 - total £7878
Liabilities - Alsager Town Council for hire of hall for Show - £605
Trading to date - 2019 £4070 compared to 2018 £3646
Rents Rec'd to date - 2019 £4713 (142 x 1/2 plots, 6 RBs) 2018 £3995 (136 x 1/2 plots, 4 RBs)
Subs Rec'd to date 2019 £860 (216 members) cf 2018 £664 (190 members)

Show sponsorship is down this year due to money not received from

- Flower Passion (£25) and Melvyn Buckingham (£10)
- £30 of Wyevale Garden Vouchers received - it was agreed to use these to buy plants for Open Day in 2020. **PH**

DP submitted an Income/Expenditure Report for the 2019 Annual Show. Copies distributed. Door sales are down on last year possibly due to so many other events in Alsager taking place on the same day.

RENT AND SUBS FOR 2020

It was agreed subs for 2020 - to remain at £4.

An increase in Plot Rentals as follows:

Quarter Plot - £16 to £17
Half Plot - £32 to £34
Full Plot - £64 to £68

No change to rental of Accessibility Plots.

ALLOTMENT SCHEDULES - NAMES/PLOTS FOR ANNUAL INVOICES

Site Representatives are requested to provide David Pitt, Treasurer with updated Plot Holder Schedules by **31 October 2019**, showing names, plot numbers and size of plot. Please also copy to PH. **AF/MH/JN/MS**

5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT

David Spall reported that trading had slowed up significantly due to the time of the year. A reminder to all members that seed orders be into DS by **26 October**. Catalogues will be available in the Trading Hut.

Multipurpose compost/Clover stock in hut is good at present but an eye will need to be kept on sales. Stocks of clover still do not balance as reported in previous Minutes.

6 . SECRETARY'S REPORT

Coronation Avenue - paths to toilets, gate and raised beds - PH to obtain estimate and submit to Town Council. If approved, this work can go ahead in April next year 2020. **PH**

6.1 CEDAR AVE JOINT USE WORKING SPACE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Meeting held on 18 Sept 2019 - All attendees agreed priorities for the area - to make good the area with permeable, marked spaces for car parking and disabled spaces, lighting, and a structured pathway. Vision is for landscaping appropriate to the area to join up with possible footbridge across the stream to the new Hall Park housing development. Discussion ensued re LNWR document, Common Initiatives for Funding. PH confirmed her commitment to manage this project on AGA's behalf considering the merits of Disabled Access to our allotments, Improving the town's gardens and our environment, all of which fall within our Constitution.

PH to propose a 'Valley Brook Green' vision with Town Council support. Alsager Partnership feel they don't have the time or skills to commit to such a complex project but would support a Dementia Friendly Walk.

It was agreed that the AGA will put forward a bid to CCIF.

PH to action

7. SITE MANAGERS' REPORTS AND PLOT VACANCIES

John Nixon, Talke Rd

Plot 1 - tidied up last year, working well.

Some Asbestos discovered on site - JN will measure and sort out double-wrapping procedure for consequent safe disposal to Crewe Pym's Lane site. JN to advise if support is needed with this task **JN**

A load of manure will arrive on site this week. Newly acquired raised bed (see Minutes 30/07/2019) - no sight of tenant so far, no work done.

Some comments received re height of the Raised Beds but ensuing discussion confirmed the option to raise the height of beds easily if this should be necessary.

1 x 1/4 plot available for rent - in good condition.

1 x untidy plot - warning issued to holder with an option to down-size if this would help.

Some tarpaulins required to cover areas. MH to help if required.

Mike Smith, Coronation Avenue

One raised bed available. 1 x 1/4 plot not being cared for.

Mike Hubbard, Cedar Avenue

Permission granted by Committee to purchase 6 railways sleepers for raised beds. **MH**

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DS requested news copy for Autumn Newsletter
MS offered apologies for November meeting. **ALL**

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 5 November 2010, 8pm in Guide Hall **ALL**

10. CLOSE OF MEETING - 9pm