

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2019**

**PRESENT**

Members: Adrian Ford (Chairman) Pauline Hubbard (Vice Chair and Secretary) David Spall (Trading Secretary), Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Ave) Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Ave), Judith Ford, Hilary Robinson, Lynne McCabe (Minutes)

**1 APOLOGIES** received from David Pitt

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 30 July 2019 approved subject to amendment to Item 9 - PH will now submit Newsletter article regarding New Tenancy Notices.

**PH**

**3. MATTERS ARISING** All work completed on Lawton Rd site. Coronation Avenue - re Trees - site visit from Cheshire East who have agreed work can go ahead if it is paid for.

The Keith Biggs Cup - AF to liaise with Bob Cliffe regarding Rotary sponsorship of the Keith Biggs Cup

**AF**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash and Current Account £4285, Reserve Account £4364, Total £8649  
Liabilities £273

Rents Received 2019 £4702 (141.5 half plots + 6 access) compared to 2018 £3995 (136 half plots)

Subs received £848 (213 members compared to 2018 £657 (188 members) an increase of £191 (25 members)

**5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

DS reported slow sales at this time of year, stocks are sufficient.

DS to check again re the 'missing' 10 bags of clover - possibly a clerical error

DS to pick up raffle prizes from K G Loach before the Annual Show

Re metaldehyde slug pellets - it was noted that the ban was overturned after a challenge on its legality

**DS**

**6. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**6.1 2020 PROPOSED ALLOTMENT OPEN DAYS** - Saturday 9 May and Sunday 10 May. This date will coincide with the changed May bank holiday date of Friday 8 May 2020 to coincide with VE Day celebrations.

Following discussion it was decided to leave the proposed date in abeyance for the time being with the option of changing it nearer the time if deemed appropriate.

**6.2 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID** (registry of valuable assets in the community)

Discussion ensued as to how we would provide funds if it were required - eg Grants/Lottery Grants, Public Appeal, our own funds, Crowd Funding, Bank Loan and it was agreed to proceed with the action The 'Joint Use Open Space' at Cedar Avenue and the access roads to Coronation Avenue and Talke Road all to be included in the Bid.

**PH**

### **6.3 CEDAR AVENUE JOINT USE WORKING SPACE TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

meeting to be held 7pm on 18 September 2019 at The Institute, Green Lane. Judith Ford agreed to represent us at these meetings. PH and DH will attend in their official capacities plus representatives from local interested groups. **JF PH DH**

### **6.4 GRANT SUBMISSION TO Alsager Town Council**

Chairman AF has submitted our application for £400 grant, as last year. The Town Clerk has responded confirming our application.

## **7. SITE MANAGER'S REPORT AND PLOT VACANCIES**

### **Mike Smith, Coronation Avenue**

Work on raised beds progressing. Flags are down. Wayne expected to install the wood-work this week. Wayne will fill with original soil which is good. No vacancies on this site.

### **Mike Hubbard, Cedar Ave**

1 x 1/2 vacant plot. A new door has been fitted to the toilet building. Discussion re the addition of gravel paths (unacceptable) and artificial grass on plots (permeable)

A new plot-holder has yet to start work on their plot - MH to caontact tenant. **MH**

### **Adrian Ford, Lawton Rd**

Update on planned bog-garden. Water to be 300mm deep, little bridge to cross bog, flat decking to be covered with netting for safety. No objections, update approved. Another request for a skip to remove rubbish at Lawton Rd site. PH to write to DP Treasurer to approve money for skip. **PH**

PH to contact Browns Skips again re sponsorship. **PH**

## **8. ANNUAL SHOW 7 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Final Plans and Actions Document distributed

Exhibitor Cards to be printed **DS**

AF has Garden Certificates to be signed **AF**

Chronicle gave us a full page spread on Garden Competition and also coverage for the Annual Show. PH to provide further copy to the Chronicle re the Annual /show **PH**

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1st October 2019

8pm in the Guide Hall

## **11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm