

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 Feb 2020**

**PRESENT**

Members: Adrian Ford (Chair), Pauline Hubbard (Secretary/Vice Chair) David Spall (Trading Secretary), Mike Hubbard (Rep Cedar Avenue), John Nixon (Rep Talke Rd), Mike Smith (Rep Coronation Ave) Hilary Robinson, Derek Hough, Adrian Humpage (Tech) Lynne McCabe (Minutes)

**Adrian Humpage** was welcomed to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES** Lesley Quartermain, Judith Ford
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 21 Jan 2020 approved
3. **MATTERS ARISING** Noted reference to Annual Show should be 1) Rotary Cup - decision to made by end of February, the fencing for Talke Rd site has arrived, awaiting installation **AF**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Current Account	£3926
Reserve Account	<u>£4368</u>
	£8294

Liabilities: Alsager Town Council Allotment rents	£2707
KG Loach supplies for hut	£1759
Potato and onion sets	£186

**Debtors:** Seed monies owed (DS chasing) £29  
**Trading** to 23/02/20 £203 (last year £24)  
**Rents** rec'd to 23/02/20 £1298 (38.5 plots +3 Raised bed)  
Compared to Last year £989 (31 plots + 1 raised bed)  
**Subs received** to 23/02/20 £156 (33) - Last year £128 (32)

**5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

All Sundries in Trading Hut are sorted out. Almost everything pretty well stocked and priced. Awaiting delivery of potash and sand - supplier currently out of stock. No Sulphur available.  
A reminder to all Hut personnel to tick off any subs paid in the Hut. Also to check we have up to date email addresses for members.  
Already to go in March.

**6. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Agreed dates as follows:**

**Committee meetings:**

26 May 2020

30 June 2020 - Newsletter Planning

21 July 2020 - Show Planning

18 Aug 2020 - Show Planning

**05 Sep 2020 - ANNUAL SHOW**

29 Sep 2020 - Review Show (future dates 04/09/21- 03-09-22 - 07/09/24)

03 Nov 2020 - AGM Planning/Newsletter

24 Nov 2020 - AGM Planning/Newsletter

**No December Meeting**

19 Jan 2021 - AGM Planning

**09 Feb 2021 - AGM**

02 Mar 2021 - Review AGM

06 Apr 2021 - Planning for Open Days

04 May 2021 - Planning for Open Days

08 June 2021 - Comm Meeting

04 Sep 2021 - Annual Show

## **Allotment Open Days 2021:**

Note - 3 May and 31 May are Bank Holidays - Weekends are 8/9th, 15/16, 22/23 May 2021

The Open Days for the weekend of 8/9 May were provisionally agreed - to be confirmed at the next Committee Meeting in March. These dates to coincide with the National change of May Bank Holiday to coincide with the commemoration of VE Day. It was agreed to hold theme-based Open Days based on VE Day - ideas include bunting, Land Girls, etc. It was agreed to invite the Guides and Scouts to participate.

To approach the Guides/Scouts to request use of their electric supply to aid Open Day celebrations PH speaking with Lisa Alcock at Cheshire East. **PH**

PH has applied to 'My Bright Idea' for a grant of £250. **PH**

A group to convene to arrange the above Open Days **PH**

**MH** agreed to talk to the Scouts Group regarding possible loan of equipment **MH**

Discussion regarding a 'Special Fund' to support the above Open Day. DS formally proposed an initial Spending Fund of £150, JN seconded, this proposal was agreed by all at the meeting.

It is intended to buy a large gazebo/marquee for the purpose of Open Days etc. HR asked us all to remember to grow extra bedding plants etc for sale at the Open Days.

Sue at Talke Road has emailed to remind us to ensure that there is enough access for hedgehogs to roam the allotment areas. Any fences or gravel boards to be made 'hedgehog friendly' with appropriate sized holes drilled to enable their access from one area to another. All members agreed with this proposal.

Maxine Buckingham has suggested that, in due time she would like to discuss the awarding of a new cup/trophy to be dedicated to Melvyn, in collaboration with the Town Council. This will be discussed at future meeting. **PH**

**REPTILE SURVEY** - the team will be returning to continue their survey work and observations at Cedar Avenue in the Spring.

**LEGIONELLA IN WATERBUTTS** - DH spoke about the possibility of Legionella Disease being present in water butts on the sites. DH proposed that we ask Judith Ford to kindly contact NLSAG for their opinion. **DH/JF**

**DATA PROTECTION** A possible data breach was reported on 25 Jan 2020 and it has been investigated. The outcome is that as the AGA do not hold any data on the subject and that the data in question is in the public domain, no data breach has been made.

**WEB DEVELOPMENT** Adrian Humpage attended the meeting and offered to support the Web Site update and development. It was agreed that Adrian F would arrange for Adrian H to meet with Chris Ford in order to discuss the AGA Website, which is currently overseen by Pikemere Web Services. **AH/AF**

## **7. SITE MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Mike Hubbard (Cedar Ave) - all pallets in the Trading Hut will be removed prior to opening. No vacancies

Mike Smith (Coronation Ave) - vacancies, 2 x 1/4 plots, 1 x 1/2 plot, 1 x RB  
Unconfirmed reports of small break-ins, and rubbish accumulating by the outside gate. There is a small gap in fence with possibility of access, Which MS will repair.

**MS**

**Talke Rd** – No vacancies

**8 AF** thanked everyone for a good meeting at the AGM Noted error on minutes re 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Show should read 68<sup>th</sup>.

## **9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24 March 2020 in the Guide Hall, Cedar Avenue

**10 CLOSE OF MEETING** - 9.10pm