

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2020
'ZOOM' ONLINE MEETING**

PRESENT

Members: Adrian Ford (Chair), Pauline Hubbard (Secretary/Vice Chair), Hilary Robinson, David Spall, Derek Hough, Lynne McCabe

1 **APOLOGIES** Judith Ford, Mike Hubbard, David Pitt, John Nixon, Mike Smith

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 29 September 2020 approved

3 **MATTERS ARISING** - Manure to be delivered early next week.

Signs for the entrance to Cedar Avenue are now ready for installation

AF to let Manure delivery onto site

Manure Payment Notice to be sited at Cedar Avenue

PH to make a laminated Notice for AF

Cash required from Treasurer DP to pay farmer for manure

AF

MH

PH

DP

4 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash in hand and Current a/c £4361 and in Reserve a/c £4372, a total of £8733.

Liabilities: - CVS membership £45 and K G Loach £65, a total of £110.

Seeds: - £1075 has been paid for seeds from Kings and to date cheques received total £98. A further £1170 is due from seed sales.

Trading to date is £4163 compared to £4246 last year.

There is no change in Rents received although £54 has been paid for next year,

Subs. Received totals £796[199] compared to £872[218] last year.

Other: -

a) Natwest Bank will be charging fees for banking cash or cheques at the Post Office from 04/01/21. We must therefore avoid using the Post Office unless there is a problem getting to a branch.

b) A meeting with Adrian and the prospective new treasurer was being arranged but could not take place due to Alsager entering Tier 2 of the Covid restrictions. A meeting will be arranged as soon as it is safe (and legal) to do so. This may be quite some time as I am sure you will realise.

c) Finally, some of the older members on the Committee, who will remember her, may wish to know that Elsie Warrilow had a fall in the village on Saturday and was taken to A & E by ambulance. I am not sure what injuries she sustained but do not think they were too serious.

Best Wishes to you all,

New Treasurer Meeting on hold due to COVID restrictions.

PH AF

5 **TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT - DAVID SPALL**

An excellent trading return, having sold more fertiliser and compost during Lockdown than in previous years. An excellent Seed Order again double our normal order size. Provided all seeds ordered are sold and paid for the Association will make over £200. All potato orders are in with Loach's.

Distribution of orders - DP will either deliver or ask members to collect. Payment by bank transfer or cheque.

Stocktaking took place last week. Some deficits between Fish Blood and Bone and Growmore but this could be due to an incorrect entry in book. Noted that canes are bought by weight and sold by number. A successful season's trading in all. Although Sunday trading in the Hut is now closed, DP will accept orders from members if he is contacted.

DS

6 SECRETARY'S REPORT

Water now off at all sites and toilets closed. Will Site Managers kindly submit readings.MH/ AF/ MS

Cedar Avenue site near the fence and raised bed area. The Committee agreed to the purchase of Screening Fabric to prevent invasion of weeds and Himalayan Balsam estimated cost £150 and a roll of Heavy Duty Weed Suppressant fabric.

7 SITE MANAGERS' REPORTS

MH – Cedar Ave 2 x ¼ vacant plots

JN - Talke Road full .Water off and meter read. 1 x plot swap.

AF – Lawton Road 1 x 1/2 plot vacant (maybe a swap) and 1 x 1/2 plot vacant.

8 REVISED ALLOTMENT RULES

The committee approved the revised Allotment Rules.

9 WINTER NEWSLETTER

DS appealed for newscopy for the Winter Newsletter, HR to submit article on potato varieties. **HR**

It was agreed to hand-deliver the Winter Newsletter as the invoices would be attached and also to include the updated Allotment Rules.

DS to print copies, PH to send a Word Copy to DS

PH DS

Members of the committee agreed to help with distribution of the Newsletter

PH to include a short reminder of COVID Lockdown and Isolation rules etc

PH

10 DISCUSSION RE FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2020

Next ZOOM meeting Tuesday 8th December at 8.00pm

11 MEETING ENDED 8.40pm