

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 May 2020  
4th 'ZOOM' ONLINE MEETING, DUE TO COVID19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

**PRESENT**

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

1 **APOLOGIES** John Nixon, Mike Smith, Derek Hough, David Pitt

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 21 April 2020 approved

3 **MATTERS ARISING** - None

4 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Waiting the April bank statements which should arrive any day soon. Number of plot holders still not paid. I think it's time the allotment rules are applied in these three cases. With reference to David Pitt's comments on non-payment it is suggested that we wait until David has checked the April statement as I believe each of these tenants have told us they are making a payment. If on checking the statement they have not paid then termination will be actioned PH to advise DP of the action to be taken.

**PH**

5 **TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No stock at wholesalers but managed to buy 8 split and 10 whole bags, all now sold. Waiting to hear from wholesalers when stocks are replenished from supplier in Ireland. We have tomato fertiliser in stock.

Bob Shaw has sent a list and cash collected to David Pitt.

6. **NEWSLETTER** - David Spall presented copy so far of Summer Newsletter. Due to the nature of the times we are living through, this newsletter will be a shortened version, mainly distributed via email. It will also be available on the Society's website and posted on Notice Boards at sites. HR confirmed that roughly 3/4 of plot holders are on email. HR to submit a short piece regarding Covid 19 and our allotments, offering encouragement.

**HR DS**

The NAS magazines have arrived, they will be distributed on Open Day.

7. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It is believed that the Tip in Alsager has now re-opened negating the requirement for a skip at Cedar Avenue. We have had 2 existing plot holders take on the back top right hand areas of ground that were unusable (ex-site for raised beds) there is some rubbish to come off these plots that we could do with getting rid of and hopefully plot holders will get rid of any carpet. It is hoped that now the Tip is re-opening these areas will be cleared.

Awaiting list detailing allotment-holders at all sites.

**HR**

It was agreed that 2-weekly Zoom meetings continue for the time being, as events change rapidly during these uncertain times.

A number of requests for allotments have been received so we have a waiting list at all sites except Coronation Ave (where we have vacancies). I suspect this is in part as a result of Covid -19 and people realising the health and food related benefits of having an allotment!

## **ANNUAL SHOW**

As of now, the Show will go ahead pending future Covid 19 developments. The Civic Centre is booked. In view of current circumstances, it will not be possible to ask for Sponsorship.

It is proposed that we follow last year's schedule and keep all arrangements as simple as possible.

PH has applied for the Town Council £400 grant.

It was suggested that in the absence of other annual events and in recognition of the part allotments have played during the crisis we enquire with the town council if we can apply a 'Good Allotment Award', making use of the money usually allocated for the gardens competition. Allocation would be site commensurate with the number of plots on each. **PH**

## **PLANT SALE - 23 MAY, 10-12PM**

It was proposed that this go ahead albeit under strict social distancing. Some thought to be given to staging this to comply with current restrictions. Saturday 23 May, 10 - 12pm, has been suggested and agreed. **DS PH**

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

### **TALKE RD**

All plots taken and looking good thanks to Covid19. Used a lot of water in April due to the drought. The reading on May 4 was 1897. We have a lot of retired people on the site. They have suggested the bags of Clover be 60 liters instead of 75. Difficulty lifting!! We are getting rid of the rotten wood in our braziers. Keeping the site tidy!

### **CEDAR AVENUE**

A number of plots (approx. 5) at Cedar Avenue in a very bad state. It is not clear if this is due to plot holders not being able to attend or feeling uncomfortable about visiting the plots, or essential workers lacking free time. Advice from NAS is that we show leniency. Bulletin 1 issued to all plot holders asked that people respond if they are having problems with the upkeep of plots.

Thanks to HR - all potatoes planted up.  
Maintenance work at the site is being supported by plot holders.

### **LAWTON ROAD**

Help has been given to Townhouse Nursery to keep their borders tidy  
**CORONATION AVENUE** – as previous report

## **8. EMERGENCY ISSUES**

No issues or updates reported.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 8.00 pm (Zoom)

## **12 Meeting closed at 8.50 pm**