

ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 April 2020
3rd '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 07 April 2020 approved

3. **MATTERS ARISING** -None

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cash/current a/c £4046 reserve a/c £4368
- No liabilities
- Trading £1545 (last yr. £1662]
- Rents Recd. £4571(130.5+5) last yr. £4420(133.5+5)
- Subs Rec'd £626(161) last yr. £696(174)

Unpaid rents: -

Cedar Ave. Plot 38 Ian Campbell. No e-mail received from him.

Lawton Rd. Plot 1A-2 Paul Vaughan, plot 3 Joy Rooney, Plot 4 Dave Mitchell and plots 6 & 6A John Poole.

DS confirmed, following conversation with DP, that all monies owed have been paid into our bank account following instructions issued to members in Bulletin 4. DP is checking statements monthly, but all plot holders must email David Pitt when making purchases or paying in money.

5. TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hut and suppliers have run out of Clover. DS managed to pick up 8 split bags and has sold 2 of these. 6 split bags left. All stock is low at wholesalers. A small amount of seed/plants are available in Hut. It was suggested that these be offered for sale on site and an Honesty Box be provided for sales. **PH/HR**

Regarding payments to Trading Hut - Bulletin 4 is available on the counter that gives instructions on how to make payments into the Society's bank account.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

PH has been approached by a plot holder enquiring about possibility of keeping bees on the plot. Further details requested but so far this enquiry has not yet been followed up.

PH noted importance of getting the spring newsletter out as soon as possible as plot holders are currently showing interest in our publications.

Ideas for next issue:

extract from NAS article on giant hornet invading our shores

Simple hints and tips on growing salads and veg at home

Arrival of the Alder Leaf Beetle

DS

7. CHANGE OF ALLOTMENT RENTAL YEAR

It was agreed to park this proposal for the time being following mixed feelings from committee members.

8. EMERGENCY ISSUES

No issues or updates reported.

9. SITE MANAGERS' REPORTS AND PLOT VACANCIES

Mike Hubbard, Cedar Ave - All plots taken, no vacancies.

John Nixon, Talke Rd No vacancies

Adrian Ford, Lawton Rd 1 x 1/2 plot and 1 x Raised Bed, Mr Poole wishes to keep his plot but not paid yet.

Mike Smith, Coronation Ave no report received.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PH noted lots of activity on all sites during first 3 weeks of Lockdown. With Council Tips closed, PH suggested a Skip for rubbish that would normally be taken to Tip, be sited on allotment sites. It was pointed out that Staffordshire Recycling and Tips are now open on reduced hours. To reconsider suggestion at next meeting. **PH**

Thanks to Bob Shaw for spraying the pathways and other members Adrian Marsh, Steve Beattie, Mike Brooks, John Willet, Ian Lovett, in a wide range of activities.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th May at 8.00 pm (Zoom)

12. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm