

**ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2020  
'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, Derek Hough, Lynne McCabe

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

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 2 June 2020 approved

3 **MATTERS ARISING** - PH recorded that no notices regarding water short ages have been displayed on gates as since then we have had rain almost every day.

4 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash/current account £5614 Reserve Account £4371 = £9985

Liabilities £125 - K G Loach

Debtors Hut Purchases unpaid £28 (PH Advised)  
Subs £4 (MS advised)

Trading to 28/06 £3132 Last year £3334 Down £202

Rents rec'd £4941 (140 + 1/2 + 6 Raised Beds)  
Last year £4686 (141 + 6) Up £255

Subs rec'd £718 (185) Last year £828 (207)  
Down £110 = 27 members

15 June 2020 Treasurer David Pitt advised:

Regarding the rest of the year I estimate that we will have an income of £1500 and expenditure will be £2,500 (excluding restocking). For the first 10 weeks of the new year (2021) I would estimate income of £1800 and expenditure of £5400. This last figure includes restocking the hut.

Chairman Adrian Ford will ask Treasurer David Pitt for more detailed breakdown for the mentioned expenditure of £2500 **AF**

**PH** commented that we have healthy funds of approximately £9,000 and **DH** congratulated all concerned.

5 **TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Following last Sunday's opening of the Trading Hut under the new regime of 'phone and collect' due to Corona virus restrictions, David Spall confirmed good trading, taking more than £300. All orders

were made up in advance and collected from the rear door of the Hut. Social distancing was observed, and everyone followed Government advice. A highly successful day's trading.

Clover is not currently available; a delivery is expected and DS will collect as soon as possible. **DS**

## 6 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Following Plot Inspections letters have been sent to various potholders. 2 tenants failed to act so their tenancies have been terminated and both plots re-let. No significant rubbish was left on the vacated plots. The current waiting list for allotments is growing.

Problems with one plot holder recorded last meeting have been resolved and plot is being tidied and worked on.

## 7 **CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING AN EMAIL FROM A PLOTHOLDER REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTAMINATED MANURE**

PH has written to NAS for advice following a report from a plot holder that contaminated manure has severely affected his crops. PH reported that 200 barrowloads of manure were available to Plot holders but there has been no significant reporting of problems and it cannot be certain due to insufficient evidence that the problems experienced by the plot holder were linked to contaminated manure.

DH stated that he had suffered problems 3 or 4 years ago but could not conclusively state it was down to contaminated manure.

DH has spoken to the plot holder in question and confirms that 10 potato plants show damage in that the growing tips are 'clawed', DH stated that we do not need to panic. The RHS and Environment Agency confirm that produce affected is still fit to be eaten. So no compensation can be sought.

DH stated that IF we order manure next year, the Trading Secretary should order it and ask the farmer for a written guarantee that no herbicides have been used.

JF commented that we cannot accuse the farmer as he may, in turn, buy in hay, silage, or foodstuffs.

PH will raise awareness of plot holders in the July Bulletin.

HR suggested a Holding/Watching Brief in case of any recurrence.

DH kindly offered to speak to the farmer concerned and to pen a summary of the discussion regarding the chemicals concerned and their subsequent possible damage to crops on the allotment.

**8 DATE FOR NEXT BULLETIN AND CONTENTS**

**PH** to produce the next Bulletin in July.

**PH**

**DH** to include raising awareness of possible contamination from chemical substances

**DH**

**DS** to draft next years' orders from Kings Catalogue

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Brooks had asked that the subject of door-less Sheds be raised at the meeting. MH confirmed that no doors were to be put on sheds in order that possible vandalism be averted when there was no possibility of valuables being kept. MH commented that it was a major move to allow sheds and greenhouses on plots. The locked tool shed is available for storing valuables.

**9 SITE MANAGERS' REPORTS**

**JOHN NIXON, TALKE RD**

Site full, 1 person on Waiting List, 1 Tatty Plot

**MIKE HUBBARD, CEDAR AVE**

2 tenancies terminated; 2 other tenants have given up plots due to ill-health. Keeping an eye on some untidy plots. All plots occupied now and long waiting list.

**ADRIAN FORD**

One tenant left but plot re-let immediately. 1 Raised Bed to let.

**MIKE SMITH,**

Site fully tenanted. the 'Jungle' has been let. One Raised Bed to let.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SITE MANAGERS**

Please keep Hilary Robinson up to date with details of new tenants for the mailing list, etc.

**JN/MH/AF/MS**

**10 DATE OF NEXT ZOOM MEETING**

Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 8.00 pm

**NOTE CHANGE OF TIME TO 8.00PM**

**11 CLOSE OF MEETING - 8.40pm.**