



Pitstone Allotment Association

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MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM – DRAFT Held in the bar of the Pitstone Memorial Hall Tuesday 26th June 201 At 7.30 pm

Present: M Rankin	G Lloyd
M. Crutchfield	B Brooks
R Spiller	J Lowe
J Woodhead	J Wills

12 Tenants

Apologies: Moira Davies

1. Welcome from the Chair:

Brian gave an update of events since the last AGM:

- Polytunnels and bird scarers were on site. Anyone who wants to install A polytunnel should contact Rob Spiller
- A BBQ held for all tenants was held on a cold and dark evening. This year we will bring it forward to August
- Our volunteer hedge cutting took all day, therefore, we hired a man to cut the other 2 sides. This year we will do the same again. The front hedge against the Marsworth Road is the responsibility of the PPC.
- The Wassail evening, sponsored by Bob Saintey, was a great success and we will look at doing it again
- We are investigating using the track all year round. We have had our 1st quote to do the work of £19000. We will be getting further quotes. John Lowe will be looking to find funding from other sources.
- We would like to put in some raised beds in the car park area for the benefit of disabled or less able gardeners.
- The water stopcock on the mains water has had to be replaced.
- We have applied for all tenants to become members of NALAG and the registration is currently going through. Once completed we will let you all know.

- We would like to thank Jackie Woodhead for being a great treasurer, she will stepping down from the post but will remain on the committee.

2. Elections of Officers

The election of officers took place

Brian Brooks-Chair. Proposed by M Rankin, seconded by Gill Lloyd

Gill Lloyd- Vice Chair. Proposed by Brian Brooks, seconded by Margaret Crutchfield

Rob Spiller- Site Manager. Proposed by Julie Wills, seconded by Jackie Woodhead

Margaret Crutchfield- Treasurer. Proposed John Lowe, seconded by Bob Saintey

Marjory Rankin- Secretary. Proposed Brian Brooks, seconded Gill Lloyd

John Lowe- fund raising

Julie Wills-notice boards

2 new members volunteered to join the committee: Geoff Bratt and Sarah Jones.

3. Report from the Treasurer

Jackie reported that there was £847.40 in the account. We have £460 in running costs and the one-off stopcock repair cost £100.

Jackie proposed that the account be moved from the CO-OP bank to the Metro Bank(Aylesbury).Margaret Crutchfield proposed that we accept this decision and Julie Wells seconded. It was unanimously agreed by all at the meeting.

Brain said that in the past we had boosted our funds from the stall at Party in the Park. He welcomed any ideas on fund raising. Millie Jones said that Irvinghoe Aston was having their fete on 8th July and we could have a stand there. It was felt that not enough produce would be ready.

4. Site Manager Report

Rob reported that in the last year he had done a Health and Safety Inspection of the site and had sent the report to the PPC.

He had strimmed vacant plots but there were none vacant currently

He had replaced the stopcock

He had installed an awesome magnetic gate closer.

Paths around plots should be strimmed/mown

5. Future Events

Brian said that we were proposing to change the date of the tenancy renewal from April to Oct 1st next year.This would be better synchronization with the growing season and would help spread the PPC Clerk's workload. We propose an 18month tenancy starting in April 2019 and renewed in Oct 2020. If any tenant had financial difficulty with this change please speak to one of the committee members.

Julie said that Brookmead School were visiting the site on Friday 29th for 1 hour and anyone who would like to show them round was welcome

6. AOB

Bob Saintey suggested the track be covered with a porous mat or concrete blocks.

The triangle by the gate in the carpark could be used for raised beds but leave space for the mower. He suggested that we put Roundup on the carpark now.

John Lowe asked if some of the car park space could be used for plots. Maybe

¼ plots for those who don't want a larger plot. Also, could we take the car park's top hard core and put it on the track? Jeremy Pearce suggested that we took off this top layer from the area that the raised beds are to go on and let it go to grass for now.

Geoff Bratt asked if the committee had thought of having a site polytunnel for tenants to use.

Margaret Crutchfield suggested that the new notice board be used to advertise surplus plants for swops.

John Lowe said that the notice board can be used to give NSALG offers and copies of the magazine. Julie said that the NSALG gave 1 copy of the magazine for every 10 tenants.

John Lowe suggested that we put in a bulk order for compost from Dagnall who will deliver it site. Fleece etc can be ordered by the roll.

The site BBQ will be on 18th August.

Signatures:

Chair- Brian Brooks ----- Date:-----

Treasurer- Margaret Crutchfield ----- Date:-----

Secretary- Marjory Rankin ----- Date:-----