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PITSTONE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
AGM
MAIN HALL- PITSTONE MEMORIAL HALL
Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Annie Stack- Chair

Brian Brooks- Vice Chair

Marjory Rankin- Secretary

David Lee- Site Manager

Jackie Woodhead- Treasurer

Gill Lloyd

Rob Spiller

John Lowe

Tenants: Malcolm Twitchell, Ingrid and Terry Gresty, John Lloyd, Moira and Bernard Davies, Jeff Bratt, Jeremy Pearce, Keith Saunders, Julie Wills

1. Welcome

Annie Stack welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that she would be retiring as Chair. She introduced the Committee

2. Annual Review.

Annie Stack said that we had 46 tenants and 2 empty plots with no one on the waiting list. The fund raising event in 2016 raised approx.. £200 and was felt to be good publicity for the Association. She announced that Dave Lee was taking a sabbatical from the post of Site Manager which he had held since 2010 and she thanked him for his hard work. Once more the judging of the best plot would be done the following week by Dave Killick. She said that she would be retiring after 9 years as Chair which she had enjoyed and thank the members of the Committee for their support.

3. Election of Officers.

Brian Brooks then took over the meeting as Interim Chair, and thanked Annie for her long service to the committee over the years.

Brian also thanked Dave Lee for his role as site manager.

Brian Brooks was nominated as Interim Chair by Annie Stack and seconded by Ingrid Gresty.

Gill Lloyd was nominated as Vice Chair, proposed by Terry Gresty and seconded by Ingrid Gresty

Rob Spiller was nominated as Site Manager, proposed by Julie Wills and seconded by John Lowe.

Jackie Woodhead was nominated as Treasurer, proposed by John Lowe and seconded by Gill Lloyd

4. Accounts

Jackie reported that we had a closing balance of £1053 plus we were waiting for a refund from the cancelled Party in the Park

5. Site Manager

Dave Lee reported that it had been a busy year. He had to concrete around the gate post to secure it and but on closer inspection, the post was rotten and he thought that it would need replacing. This was subsequently done. He had produced two Safety and Risk Reports in the autumn and spring. He thanked the many people who had helped him. As he had been doing the job for 7 busy years he felt that it was time to stand down.

6. Future events.

The hedge on the field side would need cutting this autumn and a group would be organised

7. Questions from the Floor

Terry Gresty requested a mobile bird scarer. This was debated and agreed, and if it was thought that scarer was effective, the Association would buy a second scarer to locate near the Marsworth Road in order to scare off the pigeons. The introduction of polytunnels was discussed and, although there was no objection at the meeting, permission would need to be sought from the Parish Council and the National Trust.

Annie Stack asked Brian Brooks to put this request to the Parish Council. Whilst not at the meeting it is understood that Bob Saintey thought that the National Trust would look favourably on the request. Terry Gresty asked if it was possible to have a sandwich board on the verge advertising empty plots. Brian would check this with the PPC

Brian would get costs for putting matting down on the wet part of the path. Annie said that road scalping were no longer available.

Taps on the water tanks were discussed and thought not to be a viable option

Terry asked if we could pursue the National Trust on the subject of sheds on site. Brian agreed to ask again, but reminded the meeting they had been previously rejected by the National Trust as site owners.

Rob said he was interested in keeping bees in hives on the headland. The meeting thought there would be no objection, but this should be checked with the PPC and the National Trust.

It was agreed by all that Julie Wills go onto the committee

8. AOB

Nothing to report.