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Pitstone Allotment Association

AGM

Pitstone Memorial Hall

Monday 1st July 2019

at 7.00pm

Present: Brian Brooks- Chair

John Lowe

Gill Lloyd - Deputy Chair

Julie Wills

Margaret Crutchfield -Treasurer

Geoff Bratt

Rob Spiller- Site Manager

Sarah Jones

Marjory Rankin - Secretary

Jackie Woodhead

10 Tenants

Apologies: Keith Richardson, Helen Parkins

1. Welcome from Chair:

Brian welcomed all and thanked them for coming

2. Minutes of AGM 2018:

The minutes were accepted without alterations

3. Election of Officers:

Chair- Brian Brooks- proposed by Marjory Rankin and seconded by Gill Lloyd

Treasurer-Margaret Crutchfield- proposed by Brian Brooks and seconded by Jackie Woodhead

Secretary- Marjory Rankin- proposed by Brian Brooks seconded by Rob Spiller

Site Manager- John Lowe- proposed by Brian Brooks seconded by Marjory Rankin

4. Report from the Chair:

Brian report the past year had been very busy. In order to align better with the beginning of the growing and ground preparation season, the tenancy year would start on Oct 1st, therefore this year would be a 18 month year. The next tenancy fee would be Oct 1st 2020.

Hedge cutting would be done by tractor and flail now that the hedge had grown so much.

The results of the plot holder survey were circulated.

John Lowe had obtained charitable funding for raised beds and a wild life area. Thanks to everyone who had help with the building of these projects. Jackie Woodhead has agreed to take on the supervision of the wildlife area.

The track around the site would be improved to allow all year usage. A small part had been done as a trial and had stood up well to use so further parts would be done. It would cost between £12000-£20000 to do the whole track. The Parish Council will obtain a lorry load of stone and we would be looking for volunteers to help spread the stones. The Parish Council, John and Brian will move the fence back on the footpath corner in order to widen the track.

Munjac deer had been spotted on the site and if further sightings were reported we would consider putting a low level fence along the field side of the site.

Brookmead Primary School had a very successful visit to the site, thanks to Julie and Margaret.

The NSLAG has sent us Kings Seed catalogues for ordering seeds which gives us a percentage of the order price back. Last year we received £51.

5. Finance report:

Jackie reported that we had a closing balance of £1839.37. There is £6 left over from the grant for the wildlife area. The money in the account will have to last until October 2020.

6. Site Manager Report:

Rob had submitted the annual Health and Safety Report to the Parish Council.

The water tanks had been drained, cleaned and refilled.

Wild roses in the hedge had been pruned and the prunnings put at the base of the hedge.

The state of the plots were fine and the paths between them are in good shape.

He asked that the gate should not be left open.

The bee trial had been successful although not a lot of honey had been produced. He proposed that he continue to keep bees on the site.

7. Future Events:

The annual BBQ will take place on 6th July

The PPA will take part in the Ivinghoe Fruit and Flower Show on Sept 14th we will submit:
decorated wheelbarrow and scarecrow

tea and cake stand

plant stand

8. Questions:

Keith Saunders suggested that small bukets on plots would encourage frogs on the plots.

Ingrid wanted to express thanks for all the hard work that the committee had done this year.

Margaret asked that all plot holders be aware of others when they lit bonfires.

9. AOB:

John reported the results of the tenant survey:

A wildlife area and track improvement were the top 2 requests

An agreement was given to take part of the carpark for the wildlife area.

There was no agreement to erect a community polytunnel

A request for more waterpoints was delayed due to the lack of funds.

Geoff said that his hut on plot 32 has a first aid kit if needed

John said that Ingrid was going to take charge of the decorated wheelbarrow for the Ivinghoe

Show

Brian said that the plot judging will take place sometime in August.

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